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*To the descendants of JESSE, SE.
and SARAH ATEN BOWMAN of*

*I. John H. whatever name or place of habita-
tion, who, by the integrity of their
lives honor so worthy an ancestry*

*III. George A. this volume is affectionately
dedicated.*

IV. Catharine Bowman-Hoffman Branch

V. Derrick Aten Bowman Branch

VI. Lydia Bowman-Thompson Branch

VII. Christian Bowman Branch

VIII. Susan Ann Bowman—Pioneer Burying Ground

IX. Mary A. Bowman-Reynolds-Hower Branch

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REV. ALFRED S. BOWMAN

Inspiration and Motive



IN THE boyhood home of the writer his father's brothers and sisters were frequently the subject of conversation by the family. With two exceptions all of them had removed a long distance from the place of their nativity. Two had taken up their abode in Western Pennsylvania and five in Michigan. Michigan at that time was a territory of the United States and in the thought and language of the day was the Far West. All had married but one sister who died in early womanhood. Three of these uncles and aunts the writer never met; the others but once in all the years of the long life which the majority of them attained; he has likewise but seldom met any of their descendants.

The frequent mention of these relatives in the paternal home awakened a deep and lasting interest in them, especially the conversation that related to their pioneer experiences and the integrity of their lives. What the pages of this type-written manuscript contain will, probably, never appear in print. Should, however, the unexpected occur the reader is reminded that the chief aim of the author has been the "genealogical content" and not life sketches of individuals. Such sketches however, if available and in brief form, shall, as far as possible, have place. The appropriateness of the more extended tributes is at once obvious.

During the compilation of this record the author's grandparents, Jesse Bowman, Sr., and Sarah Aten Bowman and their ten children have been much in his thought and heart as an inspiring benediction and a fond recollection of life's earlier years.

Rich in so worthy an ancestry their numerous descendants will ever hold them in grateful and loving remembrance.

ALFRED S. BOWMAN

Scotia, N. Y.

First American Ancestors

CHRISTOPHER

AND SUSAN BANKS BOWMAN



CHRISTOPHER BAUMANN (anglicized upon his arrival in America to Bowman) was born near Ems, Germany in "1733", and was of Swiss-German (some say Swiss) descent. From Germany he immigrated, about 1753, to Bucks County, Pennsylvania. It is fairly well established that a younger brother came to America with him and settled in Brookfield, Massachusetts.

In 1759, some six years after his immigration to this country, he married Susan Banks (signature to an old deed is Susanna) said, by those who knew her personally, to have been a woman of remarkable character, of strong mind and manners and possessing extraordinary judgment and abilities. She was the sister of the Honorable Judge Banks of Reading, Pennsylvania, a family of Scotch or Scotch-English and of very considerable distinction both in New Jersey and in Pennsylvania. She is described as a woman of fine personal appearance, quite large, robust and ruddy and of noticeably cheerful countenance. Upon the other hand her husband, Christopher, is said to have been a man of rather under-size, wiry and exceedingly active; by occupation a farmer of sterling worth held by those who knew him to be an honest, energetic man and a prosperous and estimable neighbor.

A short time after the birth of their first child, Christopher Bowman and his wife, Susan Banks, removed from Bucks County to (near) Mount Bethel, Pennsylvania, on the Delaware river some eight or nine miles below the celebrated Water Gap. In this first historical home in America "children were born, grew up, married, and grand-children were born to them. They seem to have all lived together, cultivated the fields and fruits and enjoyed alike all the advantages of rural life and prosperity during these many years".

While living at Mt. Bethel the pioneer Methodist preachers who visited that locality had cordial welcome and entertainment in the Bowman home, and these itinerants conducted preaching and other religious services in their farmstead barn and cottage.

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit in these meetings the mother and each of her children were brought to Christ and became staunch Methodists. Susan Bowman, the first ancestress in America, it is thus seen, was also the founding mother of a long line of Methodists, a number of whom are of marked distinction and usefulness. Christopher, the father, it is understood, was connected in the Fatherland with the Lutheran church from which he never severed relation.

The second child, Christian, with his family, removed from Mt. Bethel to Briarcreek township, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1792; his older brother, Thomas, and family following a year later. By the year 1797, the entire family had left Northampton County. A married daughter colonized to Muncy, Pennsylvania, and another daughter, also married, to Queenshockeny Valley, about seven miles north of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The parents and the other children who accompanied them joined their people at Briarcreek and planted homes in that locality. The disposal of their house and lands at Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania, was motivated, it is believed, by the opportunity of procuring a plantation for farming purposes, and which had besides, exceptional water-power facilities for milling and other manufacturing enterprises.

Their migrations had not a whit abated their religious zeal. Within two months after the younger brother had settled at Briarcreek a Methodist itinerant trailed to that region and preached in a shack which Christian Bowman had improvised while his log-house was in process of erection. About 1794 regular preaching services began to be held at Briarcreek, a Methodist society was formed, and soon the place became "Quite famous for Methodism."

In 1808 the old Stone-Church, as familiarly known, was built, largely through the instrumentality of the two brothers, Thomas and Christian Bowman, local preachers, ordained by Bishop Francis Asbury.

Beneath the shadow of this old Church, the ancestral mother, Susan Banks Bowman, who died in 1816, four of her children and

several of her grandchildren, have their final resting place. Christopher Bowman, the paternal founder of the family in this country, died in the year 1806, while visiting his daughter Susan Moore in Queenshocken Valley, and is believed to have been buried in the cemetery adjoining the Lycoming Presbyterian church, Newberry, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Christopher Bowman was twenty-six years of age and Susan Banks sixteen, at the time of their marriage. Nine children were born to them, of whom four were sons and five were daughters. Their names are as follows in the order of their births:—Thomas, Christian, Mary, Susan, Lydia, Jesse, Sarah, John, and Anne.

THE AMERICAN ANCESTORS of

SARAH ATEN, wife of JESSE BOWMAN, SR.

ADRIAN HENDRICKSE ATEN, of Dutch stock, emigrated from Holland to America in 1651 and located at Midwout, L. I. (later Flatbush) now a part of Brooklyn, N. Y. He married Lisbet Thomas, widow of Guybert Rubbetse: Their children were:—Hendrick, married Maria DeMotte; Thomas, married Elsjie Schillman; Annetje, married Thomas Schillman; John, married Elizabeth —————; Helena, no record of her marriage; Meritje, no record of her marriage; and Paul, who married Marritje Vaneste.

THOMAS ATEN after his marriage to Elsjie Schillman lived several years at Newton, L. I., thence removed to the Raritan Valley, N. J., near to what is now New Brunswick. The first three of their children Adrian, John, and Jenneje were baptized in the Dutch Church at Flatbush, Long Island; Mertien, their youngest child, in the Dutch Church at Three-Mile Run, N. J., of which church her parents were members. John and Paul, brothers of Thomas Aten, took up their abode in the same settlement in New Jersey and, too, were members of the Reformed Church.

ADRIAN, the eldest son of Thomas Aten and Elsjie Schillman, married Jacobje Middagh, daughter of Derick Middagh and Cathaline Van Neste, and lived and died in Readington, Hunterdon County, N. J. He was a blacksmith and farmer, and accumulated a large estate for that time and place. He made a will Dec.

8, 1757, and died Dec. 10, 1757; Jacobje, his wife, died May 16, 1782. The children of Adrian Aten, son of Thomas, ten in number, were all baptized in the Reformed church. Annetje born Aug. 25, 1719; Derick born Aug. 22, 1721; Hendrick, born Sept. 3, 1723; Cathaline, born Jan. 27, 1726, died in infancy; Maritja, born Jan. 15, 1728; Catholyntje, July 29, 1730; Jan and Gerardus, twins, born Dec. 22, 1732; Judick, born July 9, 1734; and Adrian, born Nov. 7, 1737.

DERICK, the oldest son of Adrian Aten was married three times; first to Judith Van Fleet, one child, Japte; second to Adaranche Longstreet—children: Judith married John Butler; Christina, married Wm. Britton; Adrian, married Martha Beers. Third wife: Catherine Warnerby—children: (not in the order of their births probably) Richard; Ada, married Robert Beers; Mary, married Joseph McMurtrie; Henry; Thomas; John; Peter; Catharine, married John Barnes; and Sarah Aten (born Oct. 11, ✓ 1769), married Jesse Bowman, Sr., 1795.

H. A. Aten, Hiawatha, Kansas, furnished above data.



HOME OF JESSE BOWMAN, SR.
(Built A. D. 1816)

Jesse Bowman, Sr., and Family



HEREAS this record purports to be the complete genealogy, data not obtainable related thereto excepted, of Jesse Bowman, Sr., of Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, a word of explanation is in order as to the method employed. After that of the father the genealogy of each of his children will be set down to the latest generation of that branch of the family. This chronological arrangement will be adhered to throughout the work. The abbreviation (Sr.) for senior will not be attached to the name Jesse where the generations, regular succession, are indicated. The names of other and younger Jesse Bowmans appearing on these pages will have the (Jr.) notation. The record of those who died in early life, in most instances, ceases after their parentage and dates of birth and death have been given. Regarding those who remained single and those who were married, but had no offspring, the line of descent being broken, repetitious mention of them is precluded. The successive generations as indicated herein invariably refer to the Bowman line of descent. Grateful mention is here made of George A. Bowman Cooke, of Three Rivers, Michigan, for the story of the century-old burying ground and for the record of the Christian Bowman family and considerable data about other Western relatives. That all who were requested to supply necessary information have not done so, mars a record which, otherwise, would be much more complete and satisfactory. The life, in brief outline, of Jesse Bowman follows. On the supplementary pages of this volume some interesting references to the brothers and sisters of Jesse Bowman will be found.

JESSE BOWMAN

JESSE, the third son and sixth child of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, was born on the tenth day of June, 1769, at Mt. Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. In March 1795 he married Sarah Aten, a sketch of whose life ensues. He died May sixteenth, 1828, and was buried in the rear of the Methodist Episcopal church, built of stone in 1808 and still standing, in Briar-

creek Township, Pennsylvania, about four miles from Berwick.

Jesse Bowman having died seventeen years before his grandson, the writer of this sketch was born, he has no personal knowledge of him, nor does he recall that his father ever gave in his hearing a description of him. A few years before her death, a first cousin, Carolyn E. Bowman, recorded her impressions of him formed in her earlier years, from conversations by relatives and the older members of her family. "In physical form and features, of all his children his oldest child, John H., and her father Derrick Aten Bowman" she said, "more nearly resembled him." He was a man rather slender of build, above medium height, erect of stature, not difficult of approach, dignified in bearing, generous, and of staunch integrity. A man of affairs he was foreseeing, industrious, capable and successful, owning at the time of his death, nearly four hundred acres of fertile farmland, and some property in Mifflinville and Berwick. In 1816 he built a large, comfortable and attractive dwelling on his farm along the Susquehanna River opposite Mifflinville in which he lived the remainder of his life, and which stood as a distinctive landmark for a full period of one hundred years.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as were his mother and all his brothers and sisters, and had part in the erection, in 1808, of the stone-church in Briarcreek Township, Pennsylvania, where he subsequently worshipped. At the comparatively early age of 58 years he went the way of all the earth lamented by his family and a large circle of relatives and friends.

SARAH ATEN

SARAH ATEN, wife of Jesse Bowman, married in 1795, was from New Jersey, her forbears having located in that State not far from Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania. She was of a well-to-do family of Holland-Dutch origin which had, at an early day, immigrated to this country. About 1885-1889 a genealogy of the Atens, said to be a very clever volume, was edited and published by a descendant. To all who have Sarah Aten as their ancestral mother this Record will be of absorbing interest.

The writer has a vivid recollection of his grandmother Bowman, the only one of his grandparents he ever knew. He remembers having been in her home in Mifflinville, Pennsylvania, but

more distinctly remembers her after she came to live with his father, George A. Bowman, in whose home she passed the last two or three years of her life. She was a woman of stout build, cheerful disposition, poise and mastery of difficulties, not given to worry and discontent, a real helpmeet to her husband in advancing his prosperity, and a devout and exemplary Christian.

An interesting story of adventure, traditional in some branches of the family, is related of her. Upon the death of her father, his daughter, Sarah, came into an inheritance. Once every two years she went to New Jersey to get the money her legacy had yielded. At that time travelling was done, for the most part, on horseback. The distance from Columbia County, Pennsylvania, to near Delaware Water-gap, New Jersey, was about one hundred and fifty miles. The broad mountain, a wilderness impenetrable, save the public highway through it, had to be traversed; this wilderness, moreover, was notorious for murders and robberies; notwithstanding she bravely hazarded the perils and loneliness of the journey, returning with the money hidden on her person. On one of these journeys on horseback she took her two year old child with her, which, her friends believed she did as a safeguard against the attack of robbers.

Although but eight years old when grandmother died in 1853, at the age of 84, the memory of the saintly and beautiful years of her old age still exhales a delightful fragrance. The funeral obsequies in father's house, together with the procession of carriages, headed by two ministers on horseback, going by way of the Berwick bridge to the burying-ground at the Stone Church, a distance of eight or ten miles, seems as vivid and real as if it had taken place but yesterday. Many times with head uncovered has he recited the inscription on her tomb:—

Life's labor done as sinks the clay

Light from its load the spirit flies,

While heaven and earth combine to say,

How blest the righteous when she dies.

Jesse Bowman—Married 1795—Sarah Aten.

Born June 10, 1769	Born Oct. 11, 1769
Died May 16, 1828	Died Nov. 10, 1853
Buried at Stone Church	Buried at Stone Church
Briarcreek Township, Pa.	Briarcreek Township, Pa.

CHILDREN: 3rd Generation—(2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—

- JOHN H., born March 13, 1796 (married thrice).
- JOSEPH, born Aug. 24, 1797 (married Anna Fowler).
- GEORGE A., born April 25, 1799 (married twice).
- CATHARINE, born Nov., 1801 (married Philip Hoffman).
- DERRICK ATEN, born Oct. 25, 1803 (married twice).
- LYDIA, born Jan., 1806 (married John Thompson).
- CHRISTIAN, born, 1807 (married Caroline Fellows).
- SUSAN A., born Dec. 11, 1812; died Feb. 16, 1838.
- MARY A., born Nov. 9, 1816 (married twice).
- SARAH A., born Nov. 9, 1816 (married Joseph Cook).



JOHN H. BOWMAN

I.

RECORD OF JOHN H. BOWMAN AND DESCENDANTS FIRST CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN



JOHN H. BOWMAN was born at Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1796, from which place, when he was a babe, his parents removed to Briarcreek Township, Pennsylvania, then Northumberland, now Columbia County. To what is now Three Rivers, Michigan, he went in 1830, and after examining the mill privileges of the rivers, entered land on the present site of the first ward of the city of Three Rivers. In 1834 he removed, with his family, to Three Rivers, where in the same year he built the first frame house of any pretension erected in that city, and which also for many years was the best in the country around. As recently as 1914 this house was still standing but on a different site. November twenty-fifth, 1836, he platted the village of Three Rivers, giving it its present name, and now it embraces the greater part of the first ward of the city lying between the Portage and Rock rivers. In the same year, with the Smiths' of Praire Ronde, he bought the Beadle mill property and erected the Three Rivers flouring mill and began its operation in 1837.

In 1838 he began the erection of another flouring mill, having disposed of the one owned by Smith and Bowman, in Colon village, completing it in 1839, soon afterwards selling three-fourths of his interests to his son William F. Bowman, and in 1845 removed from Three Rivers to Colon, Michigan to reside.. He retained one-fourth interest in the Colon mill until death in 1855, actively managing the property.

In the nullification times he was a Major in the Pennsylvania troops. He belonged, in his younger days to the Whig party but joined the Republican organization at its inception, though he died before he cast a presidential ballot therein. He was a member for two terms of the Legislature of Michigan when it was a Territory.

John H. Bowman, as advance pages of this work will more fully disclose, was thrice married, and each of the three was of a fine family and set up a well ordered and congenial home. Although a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Pennsylvania, it seems that he never united with it in Michigan. In May, 1855, he went west on a tour of observation, was attacked by cholera at Lexington, Missouri and there, after a short illness, died. By reason of the contagious nature of the disease he was buried at Lexington and upon his grave a headstone was erected by the family. In the cemetery at Colon, Michigan, an imposing monument marks the final resting-place of several members of his family.

Mr. Bowman was highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances and though sometimes despondent was generally of a cheerful mind and liberal in the extreme to the suffering and the distressed. He and his son William F. were very prominent in the formative period of Colon Village, Michigan, and in 1844 made the first survey which was thought worthy of record.

John H. Bowman—Married January 19, 1817—Sophia Freas.

Born March 13, 1796
Died May, 1855
Buried, Lexington, Mo.

Born April 4, 1794
Died Oct. 12, 1823
Buried at Stone-Church
Briar creek, Pa.

John H. Bowman—Married (2nd wife) Dec. 16, 1826—Mrs. Ann Millard.

Born Dec. 7, 1794.
Died April 2, 1838.
Buried at Three Rivers,
Michigan.

John H. Bowman—Married (3rd wife) July 6, 1844—Mary Ann Raymond.

Born, 1812.
Died July 4, 1849.
Buried at Colon, Michigan

CHILDREN—4th Generation (3rd, John; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—(by first wife) William F., born April 23, 1818, died Sept. 22, 1876; *Jesse, born Nov. 6, 1819, died Feb., 1838; Mar-



DR. J. J. BROWN

tha, born June 27, 1821; died June 11, 1905; *Sally, born Dec. 20, 1822, died Sept. 21, 1829; (by second wife) *John Q., born Oct. 9, 1828, died Nov. 29, 1837; *Andrew H., born Oct. 9, 1828, died Nov. 5, 1829; *Sarah Ann, born March 8, 1830, died May 9, 1835; Amelia R., born June 28, 1832, died Aug. 26, 1892; Joseph E., born Aug. 30, 1833, died, 1901; (by third wife) *John R., born June 21, 1849, died Feb. 11, 1879.

* No further record.

WILLIAM F. BOWMAN

WILLIAM F., the first child of John H. and Sophia Freas Bowman, was born at Briarcreek, Pennsylvania, on the twenty-third of April, 1818. He was not six years old when he and three younger children were bereft of their mother. His childhood and youth were passed at Briarcreek where his father was engaged in farming, milling, and superintending the excavation of a section of the Pennsylvania canal which, about 1828, was in process of construction. William was one of that little company of pioneers which emigrated with his father and Philip H. Hoffman, brother-in-law to his father, who were the first settlers in what is now the city of Three Rivers, Michigan. The prominent part he had in founding the village of Colon, Michigan, and in projecting and operating industries in that place has been already noted in the biographical sketch of his father. After his marriage to Miss Millard, they established a home in Colon where, to life's close, they resided and by all who knew them were held in honor and esteem. William F. Bowman died September twenty-second, 1876, and both he and his wife have burial in the cemetery at Colon.

MARTHA BOWMAN-BROWN

MARTHA, whose birth occurred June twenty-seventh, 1821, was the third child of John H. and Sophia Freas Bowman. Orphaned of her mother when she was two years old her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Freas, took her to their home at Briarcreek, Pennsylvania, where amid exceptionally good influences she grew into a beautiful womanhood. On the eighth day of April, 1845, she became the bride of Elisha B. Brown, the Rev. Thomas Bowman, a young divine not long out of college, afterward a Bishop of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating at the wedding. Mr. Brown was a successful merchant in Mifflinville, Pennsylvania, a man of influence and the soul of honor. Aunt Martha, as she was always known to the writer, her husband being his uncle, was of cheerful and genial disposition, sprightly in conversation, a homemaker and a Christian who made her profession good. After her husband's death she and her two daughters removed from Mifflinville to Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, where on the eleventh of June, 1905, her earthly life closed.

Martha Bowman—Married April 8, 1845—Elisha B. Brown.

Born June 27, 1821	Born May 13, 1819
Died June 11, 1905	Died Sept., 1885
Buried at Rosemont Cemetery, Bloomsburg, Pa.	Buried at Rosemont Cemetery, Bloomsburg, Pa.

CHILDREN—5th Generation (4th, Martha; 3rd, John; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—John Jordan, Dorothy Nice, Martha Bowman.

JOHN JORDAN BROWN, M. D.

DR. J. J. BROWN's parentage is given above; the place of his birth Mifflinville, and the date March thirty-first, 1848. His education in the public and select schools of Mifflinville, Pennsylvania, was obtained prior to his entering Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, from which Institution he was graduated with honors in 1867. He at once took up the study of medicine with the physician of his native town, teaching meanwhile in the public schools two terms. Having completed its required course of studies he received in 1870 from the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a Doctor of Medicine degree. He entered into partnership with his preceptor, Dr. D. H. Montgomery of Mifflinville in the practice of medicine, which, at the end of three years eventuated in a separate practice in the same territory. In the winter of 1887-1888 Dr. Brown attended in New York City the College of Physicians and Surgeons also the New York Polyclinic; at the latter he made the study of the eye a specialty.

He relinquished medical practice in Mifflinville taking it up in

connection with eye work in 1888 in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, whither he and his family had removed. In later years he has devoted all of his time to work on the eye, in which work, both in conserving and restoring sight, he has had notable success.

In an official capacity, Dr. Brown has rendered valuable service in the Bloomsburg Hospital and in the State Hospital of Danville, Pennsylvania; is president of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg and has an active part in the public utilities of the borough. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as were his father and mother, and of the local church is treasurer, trustee, and ardent supporter. In 1923 Dr. Brown published a book which he compiled and edited, entitled "Descendants of James Brown 1716-1922", a very creditable work which involved much time and pains-taking labor in preparation and is highly prized by all who owe their lineality to James Brown their first ancestor in America.

On December 14th, 1880, Dr. Brown married Mary S. Brands, a refined and cultured lady, daughter of David F. and Catherine Brands, of Hackettstown, New Jersey. For twenty-seven years they lived very happily together, she passing away August 13th, 1907. The Doctor still resides in his attractive home in Bloomsburg, his capable sisters, Dorothy and Martha, presiding over it.

DOROTHY NICE BROWN

MARTHA BOWMAN BROWN

DOROTHY N. and MARTHA B. are the daughters of Martha Bowman and Elisha B. Brown; the former was named for her grandmother, Dorothy Nice Brown; the latter for her mother, Martha Bowman. Born and reared in Mifflinville they had the benefit of its schools and its social and religious life, the elder sister receiving further scholastic training at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pennsylvania. After the death of their father in 1885 they removed to Bloomsburg into their new home which had just been erected on Normal Hill. Here, favored with every comfort, they continued to live until the death of their mother at the age of 84, ministering to her to the last with marked devotion. Two years later, 1907, upon the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Brown, the responsibilities of her home were committed to them,

and of the home of their brother, Dr. Brown, they still have charge.

While both of these sisters have excellent qualities yet they are different. Dorothy has more of the aesthetic taste, fond of beautiful things, as her love of flowers and her assiduous care of them would indicate; Martha has more of a business bent, which quality her brother, the Doctor, has requisitioned for certain details of his professional work.

In addition to that of their home they have a genuine interest in other things that are worth while. Of the Sunday school, the preaching and other religious services of the church they are regular attendants, and to the Missionary and to other benevolent and charitable organizations of the church and the community they are generous of their time and substance. They are moreover given to hospitality; preachers in their itineraries and other guests have under the Brown roof frequent and cordial entertainment.

AMELIA R. BOWMAN-HILL

AMELIA, the second daughter and fourth child of John H. and Ann Millard Bowman, was born at Briar creek, Pennsylvania, June 28th, 1832. Of her father appropriate mention has already been made. The maiden name of her mother was Rittenhouse, a daughter of William Rittenhouse, one of the founders of Mifflinville, Pennsylvania. The Rittenhouses are descendants of William Rittinghuysen of Arnheim, Holland, a Mennonite who came to America in 1668, located on the banks of Wissahicken Creek and built the first paper mill in America; some of them became prominent scientists. The writer knows nothing of Amelia's childhood and youth except that she accompanied her father's family to Michigan; he has always known her as the wife of Mr. Edwin R. Hill, a banker in Colon, Michigan, and one of its leading citizens. Two children were born to them, John H., and Elisha B., who died in early manhood; the former February 27th, 1879; the latter November 18th, 1880. They were both fine young men and their passing threw a dark shadow over their home, but it gradually lifted and brightness and cheer returned.

Amelia Bowman-Hill was a lovely woman, affable, kind, devoted to her family and kindred and an exemplary Christian. Her death

occurred Aug. 26, 1892; that of her husband May 19, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their two sons are buried at Colon, Michigan.

JOSEPH E. BOWMAN

JOSEPH was the youngest of the five children of John H. and his second wife Mrs. Ann Millard. He was born in Briar Creek Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1833. In 1834 his parents emigrated to Michigan; five children, including Joseph, went with them. Joseph Bowman's mother was a direct descendant of William Rittinghuysen who emigrated from Arnheim, Holland in 1663, and whose grandson, David, was an American astronomer of world-wide fame. Joseph learned the trade of milling in his father's flouring mills at Colon, Michigan. After his father's death he purchased the mills and owned them until he retired with a competency. He was a soldier in the Civil war; was twice married; the name of the first wife was Abijah, the name of the second Mary. Mr. Bowman was a congenial man, highly respected and had many friends. He died in 1901 at Colon where he had lived and achieved notable business success, and is there buried. He has no descendants.

JOHN RAYMOND BOWMAN, M. D.

JOHN RAYMOND, the only child of John H. and Mary Ann Raymond Bowman (third wife) June 21, 1849 was born, and died February 11, 1879. Twenty-nine years and nearly seven months was his age. After his graduation from college with the Doctor of Medicine degree he practiced his profession up to the time of his last illness. His wife was Mary Hamilton born in New York City, September third, 1855; their marriage occurred April 20, 1876. The death of Dr. Bowman, buried at Colon, Michigan, is noted above: Mary, his wife, passed away July 26, 1900 at Oil City, Pennsylvania, and is buried there. Their younger child, John Raymond Bowman, was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, September 11, 1878, died and was buried at Oil City, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1901.

LOUISE HAMILTON, the first child of John Raymond and Mary H. Bowman was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, April 10, 1877. She married January 31, 1903, Robert Roy Bowman (no rela-

tion) of Oil City, Pennsylvania, and their home has ever since been in Akron, Ohio, where Mr. Bowman plies his vocation of an "Office Outfitter."

CHILDREN—(of Louise Hamilton Bowman and Robert Roy Bowman)—6th Generation, Maternal side (5th, Louise; 4th, John R.; 3rd, John H.; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—Mary Hamilton, born March 28, 1906; Susan, born December 3, 1907; John Raymond, born January 10, 1911; Louise Hamilton, born August 1, 1913.

All born at Akron, Ohio, and in that city are preparing for their life-work.



JOSEPH BOWMAN

II.

RECORD OF JOSEPH BOWMAN AND DESCENDANTS THE SECOND CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN



JOSEPH BOWMAN was born at Briarcreek, Pennsylvania August 24th, 1797. The birthplace of his older brother, John H., was Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania; between the births of these two sons is the year 1796, which date seems to fix the time of their parents removal from Northampton County to Briarcreek, Pennsylvania. Being one of the older children, Joseph no doubt, helped to clear the forest, prepare the soil, do the work incident to primitive conditions and presumably attended a private school at least part of the time.

February 2nd, 1821, he married Anna Fowler whose parents lived in the vicinity of Berwick, Pennsylvania. The Fowlers were well-to-do people. Anna likewise had the qualities of industry, thrift, sacrifice, and fortitude which are indispensable to the proper rearing of a family and to the making of a comfortable home. As to the exact time that Joseph Bowman and family removed to Western Pennsylvania and located at Pittsburgh we have no information; probably it was in the early eighteen-thirties (it may have been earlier) about the time his older brother, John H. and his sister, Catherine Bowman Hoffman, emigrated from Briarcreek, Pennsylvania, to Three Rivers, Michigan. Nearly all his business enterprises were connected with Pittsburgh; in that city, which was in its first stage of development, he continued to live until his death at the age of nearly sixty-five years. His wife, Anna Fowler, survived him a quarter of a century. Both are interred, as are some other members of their immediate family, in the Alleghany Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; a monument stands on the family plot.

The writer is indebted to a cousin for the following sketch of Joseph Bowman: "Joseph was the counterpart of his brother, next to him in the family, George Anthony Bowman, in feature, and weight, and was of a kindly disposition and genial, more

thoughtful than loquacious with a mechanical and inventive mind. He was engaged in the lumber business for some years at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, shipping some south to points by the Ohio River, prospering finely, but through the machinations of his partner, suffered heavy financial loss. Their home in Pittsburgh they kept in their possession until after Mrs. Bowman's decease."

Eliza, his daughter, writes:—"My father was six feet tall, heavy-set, handsome, humane and benevolent to a fault, courteous and good company, loved his children and was always trying to have them have a good time; always at home when not at his place of business."

Joseph Bowman—Married February 2, 1821—Anna Fowler.

Born Aug. 24, 1797	Born—(not available)
Died May 2, 1862	Died March 5, 1890
Buried Alleghany Cemetery	Buried Alleghany Cemetery
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHILDREN—4th Generation (3rd, Joseph; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—Daniel Fowler, born Apr. 10, 1822, died Oct. 6, 1876; Jesse Banks, born July 8, 1823; died 1907; Sarah Aten, born Aug. 7, 1825, died Feb. 12, 1912; George Washington, born Nov. 10, 1827, died May 14, 1878; *John Nelson, born Jan. 3, 1830, died Aug., 1830; Martha Ann, born July 15, 1831, died, 1905; *Mary Jane, born Sept. 16, 1833, died May 9, 1845; Eliza Ellen, born Feb. 7, 1835; Rebecca, born Jan. 8, 1838; died Aug. 13, 1905; *Joseph Aten, born Nov. 8, 1840, died Mar. 18, 1862; Addison Clarke, born May 10, 1844, died Feb. 20, 1905; Howard Milton, born Aug. 21, 1847.

(*) No further record.

DANIEL FOWLER BOWMAN

DANIEL F., the first child of Joseph and Anna Fowler Bowman, was born April 10, 1822, and died in Alpena, Michigan, October 6, 1876. May 14, 1846 he was joined in marriage to Margaret Cookman by whom he had two sons, both deceased. He removed to Michigan, presumably to Alpena. He married the second time, and had by this union seven children.

JESSE BANKS BOWMAN

JESSE BANKS, parents as above, was born July 8, 1823, and died in Chicago, Illinois in 1907. He married in Cincinnati, Ohio, January 6, 1847, Alvira Anderson, who died in 1890. The names of their six children, 5th generation (4th, Jesse; 3rd, Joseph; 2nd, Jesse, Sr.; 1st, Christopher) were as follows: Mary, Anna, Kate, Joseph, Jesse and Eddie. Of these brothers and sisters in nineteen hundred fourteen Anna was the sole survivor. At this date her husband, Mr. Hugh M. Taylor, is engaged in a prosperous plumbing business at 118 Broad Street in the city of New York. They reside in Brooklyn, N. Y., and have an interesting family.

SARAH ATEN BOWMAN-DE KNIGHT

No life sketch is at hand of Sarah Aten the first daughter and third child of Joseph and Anna Fowler Bowman. That she was a woman of many excellent qualities are the advices of those who personally knew her. She was married in early womanhood. The family record follows:

Sarah A. Bowman—Married June 19, 1849—Charles H. DeKnight.

Born August 7, 1825	Born Sept. 28, 1825
Died August 4, 1904	Died Feb. 10, 1912
Buried in Alleghany Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Buried near San Jose, California

CHILDREN (of Sarah Aten Bowman and Chas. H. DeKnight)—5th Generation (4th, Sarah; 3rd, Joseph; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher)—Anna, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 6, 1850; Emma, born in Wilmington, Del., Sept. 26, 1851; Ella born in Pittsburgh, Pa., June 3, 1856; Charles, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13, 1866.

ANNA DEKNIGHT-ROBINSON

ANNA DEKNIGHT: time and place of birth as above, was married October 31, 1883, to Charles W. Robinson of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A few years after their marriage they went to Paris to live, Mr. Robinson having a position with the Westing-

house Electrical Works in that city. In 1889-1894, as Superintendent and Teacher respectively, they had charge of a school in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. This was a Boarding School of one hundred and fifteen pupils, full blooded Ponca Indians, ranging from fifteen to nineteen years of age. White Eagle, lately deceased at the age of ninety eight years, was Chief of the tribe. During Theodore Roosevelt's presidency of the United States, Mr. Robinson was two years in Panama aiding construction of the famous canal. Mr. Robinson's death occurred January 4, 1913 and he was buried in the Alleghany Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since her husband's decease Mrs. Robinson has made her home for the most part, in Pittsburgh, her native city.

Anna DeKnight—Married October 31, 1883) Chas. W. Robinson

Born March 6, 1850

Died

Buried

Born April 23, 1853

Died January 4, 1913

Buried Alleghany Cemetery
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHILDREN—6th Generation (5th, Anna; 4th, Sarah; 3rd, Joseph; 2nd, Jesse; 1st, Christopher): Ralph Vincent Robinson, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 26, 1884; Ray DeKnight Robinson, born in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 16, 1888.

RALPH VINCENT ROBINSON, M. D.—

RALPH, son of Anna DeKnight and Charles W. Robinson was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1884. After attending the public schools of the city he matriculated as a medical student in the University of Pittsburgh. At the expiration of a year in this institution he accepted an offer, by the United States government, of a position as supervisor of schools in the Phillipines. There were fourteen schools in all, situated on three islands, the group known as the Connates. He was the only American on these islands at that time. On his return, having made a trip around the world, he resumed his studies at the University receiving therefrom in nineteen hundred twelve the Degree of Doctor of Medicine. After some medical experience in hospitals he took up study of the x-ray as a specialty. He is located in

Pittsburgh, his native city, with which his professional and other interests are associated. April 30, 1914, Dr. Robinson was united in marriage with Florence Molvie, born March 20, 1887, a native of Pittsburgh. To this union a son, Ralph, Jr. was born October 31, 1919.

RAY DeKNIGHT ROBINSON—

RAY, brother of Ralph V. Robinson, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1888. He is a graduate of the Pittsburgh High School; was employed for a time in the pay-office of Jones & Laughlin, a large steel plant in Pittsburgh. At a subsequent period he took up work in the office of the Maccabees of Pennsylvania and as a side-line has a large farm near Conneaut Lake. July 2, 1910 he married Rodelle Blaney (born 1892) of St. Joe Butler County, Pennsylvania. Their children are: Ray Blaney, born in Pittsburgh, Aug. 24, 1911; Jack Channing, born in Pittsburgh, July 29, 1915.

EMMA DeKNIGHT-SLEETH

EMMA, second child of Sarah A. Bowman and Charles H. DeKnight, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, September 26, 1851. She was married August 31, 1893 to Major William M. Sleeth of the 78th Ohio Regiment which saw service in the Civil War. The wedding took place in the chapel of Chilocco Indian school near Arkansas City, Kansas, where she was a teacher for some ten or more years. Watt Sleeth with whom, in nineteen hundred fourteen she resided, is a stepson in business in Arkansas City, Kansas. She has two step-daughters, Pauline Sleeth, a teacher, and Eula, a missionary in India. Major Sleeth died in his seventy-fifth year, September 27, 1906, in Arkansas City.

Ella and Charles W. were the other children of Charles H. and Sarah Bowman DeKnight. The former, who was a writing and drawing teacher in the public schools of Pittsburgh was born in that city June 3, 1856. In the midst of her school-work she was stricken with typhoid fever and within a week, on March 8, 1878, her life on earth closed.

Charles W. DeKnight was born December 13, 1866, and died suddenly in August, 1888. He was a pullman conductor at the

time of his death. He and his sister, Ella, both sleep beside their mother in the Bowman lot in Alleghany cemetery, Pittsburgh.

GEORGE W. BOWMAN

GEORGE WASHINGTON, son of Joseph and Ann Fowler Bowman, was born March 10, 1827, and died May 14, 1878. In eighteen hundred sixty-eight he married a Miss McDougal whose death occurred soon after marriage, in Pittsburgh. In 1855 he and his father went to near Leavenworth, Kansas, a sparsely settled frontier, and engaged in stock-raising. Their business venture not turning out well, at the end of two years they returned to Pittsburgh. The father's hardships and climatic exposures in Kansas resulted in broken health from which he never recovered. Five years later in his home in Pittsburgh on May 2, 1862, his life work ceased.

MARTHA ANN BOWMAN-BURNS

MARTHA, daughter of Joseph and Ann Fowler Bowman was born July 15, 1831. She married William Burns, a relative of the Scottish bard, Robert Burns, March 9, 1852; went to St. Louis, Missouri and lived there fifty years, her death occurring there in 1905. She was the mother of five children, a daughter and four sons, all of whom were deceased in 1914 excepting Charles Burns of St. Louis, Missouri. Following the meager Burns genealogy, place is given to the three children of Joseph and Ann Fowler Bowman, who were not long-lived:

JOHN NELSON, born Jan. 30, 1830; aged eight months.

MARY JANE, born Sept. 16, 1833; aged fifteen years.

JOSEPH ATEN, born Nov. 8, 1840; aged twenty-two years.

They rest, no doubt, beside their kindred in the Alleghany cemetery in Pittsburgh.

ELIZA E. BOWMAN-HANNIWELL-PIERSON

Eliza Ellen, daughter of Joseph and Ann Fowler Bowman was born Sept. 7, 1835. By Bishop Matthew Simpson, at his home in Pittsburg, Pa., June 4, 1854 she was united in marriage with Alfred Ambrose Hanniwell. They sailed July 18, 1854 for California, via Panama, crossing the isthmus on donkeys. Mr. Hanniwell was postmaster in several towns and cities of California and was

superior judge, at one time, in Napa, California. Judge Hanniwell died at Napa May 26, 1868 at the early age of thirty-six years. Their daughter, Carrie E. born July 13, 1855 is their only child. James Clark Pierson born in Orange N. J. was the second husband of Eliza E. Bowman. They were married December 1st, 1872. Mr. Pierson's death occurred at Napa, California July 28, 1895 aged seventy. His wife survived him more than a score of years. Herbert T. Pierson, their only child, lives in Hoquiam, Wash.

CARRIE HANNIWELL-SAFELY

Carrie Hanniwell was the only child of Alfred Ambrose and Eliza Bowman Hanniwell. She was born July 13, 1855, the year after the arrival of her parents in California from Pittsburgh, Pa. James Hunter Safely to whom she was married was of Scotch descent born in the north of Ireland. They lived many years in Calistonia, Calif., Mr. Safely passing away in that place in nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

CHILDREN: 6th Generation (5th Carrie; 4th Eliza; 3rd Joseph; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

Agnes Jeanette, the oldest daughter of Carrie Hanniwell and James Hunter Safely, A. D. 1909 married Dr. Ed Burke Gould. He is a prominent physician and surgeon in Modesto, Calif. where they reside. They have two daughters, Lois Jeannette born 1912; and Anna Leone 1915. The older sister is a student in Stanford University.

Beatrice, second daughter of Carrie Hanniwell and James Hunter Safely, was married in 1915 to William P. May, born in New York.

Leone, the youngest daughter in the Safely family is the wife, since 1914, of Harvey Vance Kindt, a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Their home is in San Francisco, California, in which city their business is located. James Hunter Kindt, their first child, was born in 1916; and three years after, 1919, Harvey Vance Kindt, Jr.

HERBERT T. PIERSON

Herbert T., son and only child of James Clark and Eliza Bowman (Hanniwell) Pierson was born in Napa, Calif. June 29,

1875; was married in Hoquiam, to Adelaide Louise Lenfesty Wash. Oct. 5, 1906. He located in this place where, for many years, he has carried on a wholesale and retail manufacturing business. The Piersons have two sons, Raymond Townley, born April 2, 1910; and Charles Clark, born Oct. 5, 1912.

REBECCA BOWMAN-SITER

Rebecca, the fourth daughter of Joseph and Anna Fowler Bowman was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 8, 1838. She was joined in marriage, September 29, 1861, to William A. Siter; they are both deceased; the death of the wife, Rebecca Bowman, occurred August 13, 1905 in Pittsburgh. They had a daughter who married Earnest Hawkins. They lived on Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh and had a son Raymond.

David Siter, son of William A. and Rebecca Bowman Siter lived in Chicago, Illinois in 1914, and William A. Siter, Jr., a brother of David, lived in Pittsburgh.

HOWARD MILTON BOWMAN

HOWARD MILTON BOWMAN was the seventh son and youngest child of Joseph and Ann Fowler Bowman. He was born August 21, 1847 in Pittsburgh, Pa., attended the schools of that city and saw its steady growth and increasing prosperity. He was a soldier in the Civil War 1861-1865, his discharge from the U. S. Service bearing date Nov. 14, 1864. In the month of August 1875 he was joined in marriage to Mary Jane McGowen born in the State of Ohio March 13, 1857. He was a travelling salesman and continued as such until his retirement from active life. His death occurred at McKeesport, Pa., where the family resided, Feb. 6, 1918, and he was buried in the Alleghany Cemetery, Pittsburgh.

The children of Howard Milton and Mary McGowen Bowman are Howard Milton, Jr. and Anna Margaret Bowman. The former was in the employ for a number of years of the McKeesport Tube Company as scale repairman, but since 1909 has been with the Fairbanks Scale Company as travelling salesman. They and their mother live in their home in Pittsburgh.



GEORGE A. BOWMAN

III.

RECORD OF GEORGE ANTHONY BOWMAN, AND DESCENDANTS, THE THIRD CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN.



GEORGE A. BOWMAN was born in Briar Creek Twp., Columbia County at that time Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1799, and was the third son of Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman. His father being an extensive land-owner how his boyhood and youth were, for the most part, spent may be readily surmised. He attended a private school at the Pines, a Mr. Arney of considerable professional repute being the teacher; when about eighteen years old he and two other young men near his own age decided to quit school for good, which they did in a novel and spectacular fashion. It was about this time in his life that he drove a four-horse loaded wagon, in company with other teams and teamsters, to the city of Philadelphia, Pa. and return over indifferent and in some places steep and dangerous roads, stopping nights at popular old-time hostelries or inns gaining such strange and vivid experiences as to constitute it a notable event of his early manhood. To this period belongs his Lieutenancy in a company of the Militia to which office he had been commissioned by the government.

March twentieth 1823 he married Sarah Brown, daughter of Samuel and Dorothy Nice Brown, who lived on a plantation adjoining the village of Mifflinville on the west. Not long after his marriage he purchased a farm near Linden five or six miles north of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, but he never removed to this farm renting it for an annual monetary consideration. Upon the death of his father, which occurred in the year 1828, he purchased from the estate the two-hundred acre farm on the east bank of the Susquehanna River, bordering the town plot of Mifflinville, Pennsylvania.

He sold his land above Williamsport which facilitated his later purchase and he occupied at once the premises formerly owned

by his father; there he remained for a period of twenty-eight years bringing up his children and blessed with prosperity. An old log-house was superceded on a new site by a substantial brick-dwelling soon after father took possession of the place, and around this attractive home in which the writer was born, cluster the happy memories of his childhood.

In the spring of 1856 father retired from active farm-life and moved into the brick house which he had a few years before erected in Mifflinville. In this home Mother, after an illness of a year, which had completely paralyzed half of her person and her power of speech, August 15th 1856 passed away. The writer has a faded daguerrotype picture of her which he holds as a priceless possession. Although but ten years old at the time of her death, the remembrance of his mother—of her saintly life, of a prayer she offered to God one Sunday evening at family worship in the brick farmhouse, of the admonition, by a sign which had to be interpreted, which she gave her younger children *to be good*, have been a "talisman" to the writer all these years. Many years after her decease the family physician, who knew her well, said: "She was the most perfect natural lady I ever met."

Father's second marriage October fifth 1857, was with Susan A. Reynolds the disparity in their ages being twenty-nine years; in this choice he made no mistake; she was a woman of fine sense, a superior house-keeper, and cared for him to the last with unremitting devotion.

George A. Bowman was the counterpart of his older brother Joseph; a physically well built man, of erect stature, gray eyes, florid complexion, black hair, height five feet nine and a half inches in his stockings, and weighing, at his best, two hundred and forty pounds.

As a farmer he was up-to-date and progressive; owned and operated the first grain-drill and reaper in that neighborhood; was an uncompromising temperance man, and the first on that side of the river to reap and gather in the harvest without giving liquor to the workhands. He was a diligent reader of the newspapers and interesting and instructive books, and a foremost advocate in the community for the Public Free School. He was considerable of a singer and quite at home in raising the tune

in church services. The hymns which he sang in his home were usually accompanied by the accordian, of which musical instrument he was very fond.

When twenty-eight years of age, at a camp-meeting, father was converted and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he was a Class Leader, Trustee, and liberal supporter the remainder of his life. In the erection of the brick church, 1861-1862, in Mifflinville (still standing and in excellent condition in 1930) he had prominent part as chairman of the building committee. He believed in camp meetings, tented with his family on the grounds, entertained the preachers at meals, and was on the voluntary police-staff. With a cane as his only weapon he said he never failed to disperse a crowd of rowdies and thus verified the Scripture saying:—"That one shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight."

His homes on the farm and in town were retreats for the preachers and there, also, laymen attending Quarterly Meetings, and relatives and friends as well, were cordially entertained. In the spacious farm-house there was a room always designated by the family "the preachers' room."

Father's twenty five years retirement from active life were passed amid many comforts and joys, and at the advanced age of nearly eighty three, December 10th, 1881, his mortality suddenly ceased and he was gathered to his fathers and his fathers are with God. In a quiet rural spot, near Mifflinville, known as the Brown graveyard, his body rests beside his wife Sarah, seven of his children, and a large number of his wife's kinsfolk, the 'Browns'.

George A. Bowman—married March 20, 1823—Sarah Brown	
born April 25, 1799	born April 28, 1805
died Dec. 10, 1881	died August 15, 1856
Buried in the Brown Cemetery, Mifflinville, Pa.	Buried in the Brown Cemetery, Mifflinville, Pa.

—married Oct. 6, 1857—Susan A. Reynolds	
	born Dec. 5, 1827
	died June 25, 1901
	Buried in the Mifflinville Cemetery.

CHILDREN—4th Generation (3rd George, 2nd Jesse, 1st Christopher).

Born	Died
Margaret, Jan. 15, 1824	Jan. 21, 1897
Dorothy Ann, Jan. 12, 1827	May 5, 1910
Catharine, Feb. 7, 1829	July 22, 1907
George Forest Oct. 1830	*Oct. 1830
Norman Wesley, Nov. 24, 1831	Oct. 2, 1852
Martha, April 2, 1834	March 16, 1862
Elizabeth Ann, Mar. 25, 1836	Sept. 3, 1852
Frances Jane, May 2, 1838	*Oct. 10, 1841
Clementine D., July 31, 1840	Oct. 11, 1909
Elisha Aten, June 13, 1843	June 28, 1853
Alfred Steck, Nov. 19, 1845	
Mary Virginia, Sep. 28, 1848	*March 13, 1850

By 2nd wife

John Hervey, Aug. 10, 1858	March 15, 1919
	*No further record.

MARGARET BOWMAN-KELLER

Margaret Bowman, the first child of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman, was born January 15th, 1824. She and Dorothy her younger sister remember living in the somewhat dilapidated old house before the more pretentious brick house, which substituted it, was erected. In the homestead on her father's farm, which adjoined the village of Misslinville, she grew to womanhood under the nurturing influence of Christian parents.

In early life she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had the pleasure of seeing all her children enter its fold. No one in her branch of the family has equaled her in the diligent and attentive reading of the Scriptures and her *remarkable* faith in God. The comforts of her home which she freely tendered her widowed sister Catharine for the remainder of her life, is an instance of her generous and affectionate nature.

On March 17th 1845 Margaret was married to William F. Keller the Reverend S. L. M. Conser performing the ceremony. Mr. Keller, born Oct. 31st 1823, was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Fisher Keller and owned the farm which adjoined that of

his father-in-law on the east. Under his management of the farm everything betokened efficiency and success. The brick cottage on the farm, occupied soon after sister Margaret's marriage, was their home for more than thirty years; here they toiled together, were blessed with children, prospered, knew by experience of sunshine and shadow, sorrow and joy, but the mother's faith never shone more brightly than when passing through severest trial. Her calm Christian resignation in times of bereavment and sorrow, was an inspiration to all her family to look to the same source for comfort and consolation.

In their later years they lived in the village of Mifflinville. Relieved of many burdens and cares they found the change very pleasant and desirable. Their home in town was not far from the Methodist church of which they were members and Mr. Keller an active official, and they greatly appreciated the conveniences of attendance upon and participation in its religious services. Upon Mr. Keller's decease, which occurred May 15th, 1892, his body was laid to rest in the cemetery in Mifflinville and beside him, nearly five years thereafter they buried his beloved Margaret.

Margaret Bowman—married April 17, 1845—William F. Keller.

born Jan. 15, 1824	born Oct. 31, 1823
died Jan. 21, 1897	died May 15, 1892
Buried in the cemetery, Mifflinville	Buried in the cemetery, Mifflinville

CHILDREN—5th Generation (4th Margaret, 3rd George, 2nd Jesse, 1st Christopher)

Born	Died
Thomas Harrison, Jan. 26, 1847	Dec. 19, 1871
Sarah Jane, Dec. 17, 1848	:Nov. 15, 1887
Malinda Catharine, Sept. 17, 1851	:April 25, 1875
Dorothy Ann, June 8, 1853	:June 4, 1911
George Bowman, Nov. 7, 1855	:
Caroline Elizabeth, Jan. 28, 1859	:
Harriet Susan, Sept. 3, 1862	:
Lulu May, May 25, 1866	:Sept. 5, 1894

THOMAS HARRISON KELLER—

MALINDA CATHERINE KELLER

Thomas was the first-born and Malinda the third child as the above record shows, of William F. and Margaret Bowman Keller. A quarter of a century passed before the family circle in the Keller home was broken by death. The summons came to Thomas December 19th 1871, and to his sister Linnie, as she was familiarly called, April 25th 1875. Although Thomas was a good son his mother felt that he was too long indifferent to religious things. His consecration to God came in his manhood, his mother always believing that it was in answer to her unceasing prayers in his behalf. Like her mother Linnie was unique in her qualities, winsome in manner, a fine singer, deeply spiritual, idolized almost by the family, and a favorite in the community.

When attacked by diphtheria, whose symptoms had occasioned but little anxiety, seated at a window overlooking the Susquehanna River, she said "I guess I wont look over that beautiful river much oftener". "Why Linnie" said her mother "if that is how you feel about it we would like to know whether you are ready for the change". She instantly replied, "Mother I would just as leave die as to go down to Andrea's (the nearest neighbor) to make a call". Within three days her premonition came true.

SARAH JANE KELLER—DOROTHY ANN KELLER

Sarah Jane, the first daughter and second child of Margaret Bowman and William F. Keller, was the next called. Born Dec. 17th, 1848, she was younger, by three years, than the writer who remembers her as a delightful playmate, and in later years, as the life of the social circle of the village. On November 26th, 1885 she was wedded to Minit C. Andreas, and not long thereafter removed to Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Andreas had engaged in business. Her family and friends were shocked to hear of her untimely death which occurred November 15, 1887. Her body was brought East and laid to rest in the cemetery in Mifflinville, Pa., the place of her nativity.

Dorothy Ann Keller, the third daughter, passed into the life beyond from the parental home where she and her sister Hattie and Carrie continued to live. June 8, 1853 and June 4, 1911, mark

the years of her earthly pilgrimage. Dorothy was a congenial spirit who blessed her home, the community and the church in most helpful ways. She sleeps by the side of loved ones in the family burial plot to greet and be greeted by them in that "fair morn of morns" when they shall awake.

GEORGE BOWMAN KELLER

George Bowman, the second son of William F. and Margaret Bowman Keller, was born November 7, 1855 and was named after his maternal grandfather. February 26, 1879 he married Clara Cator, daughter of Aaron Andreas, Mifflinville, Pa. He operated his father's farm for several years and after his death purchased it from the estate. Disposing of this place to his brother-in-law Harvey W. Hess, he bought the farm adjoining the town-plot of Mifflinville on the west formerly owned by his wife's grandfather, Abram Wolf. There they toiled and enjoyed the fruits of their labor and the social amenities of life. After more than thirty busy years in farming they took up residence in Mifflinville where May 31, 1920 the devoted wife and mother passed away. They were deeply interested in the Methodist Church in this place of which Mr. Keller was an official member and whose influence had encircled them all their lives.

George B. Keller—married Feb. 26, 1879—Clara C. Andreas	
born Nov. 7, 1855	born June 12, 1856
died	died May 31, 1920
Buried	Buried in Mifflinville cemetery

CHILDREN—6th Generation (5th George, 4th Margaret, 3rd George, 2nd Jesse, 1st Christopher).

CLEAVER ATHERTON KELLER, first child of George Bowman Keller and Clara Andreas was born Aug. 4, 1880. He married Anna Rosenberg, Feb. 3, 1914, and for some years resided in Hazleton, Pa., where he held a position with the Lehigh Valley Railway Company. He now resides at Forty-Fort, Luzerne Co., Pa. in convenient access to his present place of business.

OSMOND ANDREAS KELLER, second son of the above parents, was born March 3, 1882. On June 23, 1915 he was united in marriage

with Frances Freas of Berwick, Pa. where he was conducting a successful business. Their only child Helen Jane was born March 23, 1918; three days thereafter March 26, Osmond the father died in Berwick, and was buried in the Pine Grove Cemetery of that place.

FLOYD DEAVER KELLER, the next child in the family, was born February 22, 1885. On Sept. 25, 1919 he married Helen Maude, daughter of Mrs. C. W. Freas of Berwick, Pa. They have one son, Robert Freas, born March 15, 1922 and a daughter Barbara, born June 11, 1925. Mr. Keller's place of business is Berwick where he and his family reside.

RUSSELL DIEBLE KELLER, born December 19, 1894, was the youngest child of George Bowman and Clara Andreas Keller. June 1922 he married Mabel Lee. They live in Washington, D. C. Between Floyd and Russell was George Harvey who was born April 11, 1889, and died January 13, 1892.

CAROLINE ELIZABETH KELLER-HESS

Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of William F. and Margaret Bowman Keller, was born near the village of Mifflinville, Pa., January 28, 1859. The Christian teaching of the parental home and its environment had a beautiful influence upon her life. Her husband, Harvey W. Hess, with whom she was united in marriage November 1, 1886, was notably successful in business. His death which occurred October 18, 1909 left her in the enjoyment of many material comforts. In the community and church life of her native place, from which she never removed, and the wider interests of God's kingdom she has had commendable part. The two children that were born to them did not outlive their infancy.

HARRIET S. KELLER-ERWIN

Harriet Susan, daughter of William F. and Margaret Bowman Keller, was born Sept. 3, 1862; married Feb. 30, 1902 Eugene Barton Erwin who conducted, for a number of years, a mercantile business in Mifflinville, Pa. His death occurred May 28, 1917; the cemetery in Mifflinville is his final resting place. The sisters, Hattie and Carrie have never been separated. They live in Mifflinville in the Keller homestead equipped with all modern conven-

iences. Like her sister Carrie Hattie is benevolently inclined, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and deeply interested in Christian and civic affairs.

LULU M. KELLER-MILLER

Lulu May, the youngest child of William F. and Margaret Bowman Keller was born May 25, 1866. On September 1, 1887 she was united in marriage with Charles W. Miller, a successful business-man of Wilksbarre, Pa. Seven years thereafter Sept. 5, 1894 this happy union was severed by Mrs. Miller's death. Their only child, Mary Margaret Miller, sixth generation of the Bowmans, was born April 2, 1890. Her marriage with Melville Granville Robinson connected with a leading bank in Wilkesbarre, Pa., took place Sept. 19, 1914. They reside in Kingston about two miles across the Susquehanna river from Wilkesbarre.

CHILDREN:—7th Generation (6th Mary; 5th Lulu; 4th Margaret; 3rd George; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

Charles Miller Robinson born October 24, 1916.

Melville Granville Robinson born Feb. 11, 1919.

DOROTHY A. BOWMAN-FREAS

Dorothy Ann, second daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman, was born Jan. 12, 1827. She taught school a number of terms in the village of Mifflinville about a mile distant from the parental home. A lover of good books and periodicals, they were her close companions. Of an amiable disposition, cultivated mind and queenly bearing she was not wanting in friends and social position. On Oct. 8th 1856 she was wedded to Henry C. Freas, a partner at that time of Seth B. Bowman in the mercantile business in Berwick, Pa. In later years he was engaged in the manufacture of pottery. They resided in Berwick, Pennsylvania, a Methodist stronghold, and had there a very congenial and helpful church home. The end of life on earth came to Mr. Freas Saturday evening June 20, 1896, and to Dorothy, his wife, June 5th, 1910. They rest together, with their first-born John Wesley who died at the age of fifteen years, in the Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy A. Bowman—married Oct. 8, 1857—Henry Clay Freas

Born Jan. 12, 1827

Died June 5, 1910

Buried, Pine Grove Cem.
Berwick, Pa.

Born March 11, 1821

Died June 20, 1896

Buried, Pine Grove Cemetery
Berwick, Pa.

CHILDREN:—5th Generation (4th Dorothy; 3rd George; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

John Wesley, born Dec. 21, 1857; died 1872.

Annie Bowman, born July 23, 1860

Sarah Amelia, born May 18, 1862; died Oct. 28, 1895

Barton Dill, born August 10, 1864; died Dec. 8, 1930

Verde Gere, born March 5, 1868

ANNIE B. FREAS—WITMAN

Annie Bowman, daughter of Henry C. and Dorothy Bowman Freas was born in Berwick, Pa. July 23, 1860. She was younger, by nearly three years than her brother John Wesley, a lad full of promise, who died at the age of fifteen. On Oct. 24, 1889 she was united in marriage with Franklin A. Witman of Berwick, Pa. Mr. Witman is Treasurer of the large and well-known Berwick Store Company, secretary and treasurer of the Berwick Water Company and a director of the Berwick National Bank. He is public spirited and actively identified with the civic and religious interests of the community. Mrs. Witman is a genial woman domestic in her aptitudes and tastes, lover of all things good and true, and a devoted wife and mother:—

CHILDREN of F. A. and Annie Freas Witman, 6th Generation (5th Annie; 4th Dorothy; 3rd George; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

Harold Ewing, born Berwick Pa. Feb. 6, 1891; died Aug. 3, 1917

Edwin Henry, born Berwick, Pa., March 19, 1895

Alfred Freas, youngest child, was born in Berwick and died in infancy.

HAROLD EWING WITMAN—

Harold, birth and parentage as above given, was nurtured in a Christian home and had beside the influence and teaching of

the Methodist Episcopal church in Berwick, of which his parents F. A. and Annie Witman were devoted members. Attendance upon the public schools of his native place was followed by courses of study in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. and Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. In June 1909 he graduated from the former, and received from the University in 1913 the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later he graduated at the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. Toward the close of his last year at Drew he joined the Central Pennsylvania Conference and was ordained Deacon. In this year he began special studies in the University of New York and Union Theological Seminary. Soon after his graduation at Drew he accepted a position in the educational department of the Home and Foreign Mission Board of the church located in New York City. Under auspices of the Board he was sent to represent its work at Summer Institutes and Assemblies in Iowa and Kansas. On this "mission-tour" during the night, in a hotel in the city of Chicago, Ill., he was taken seriously ill and died the next morning, Friday August 3, 1917. Obsequies and burial were at Berwick, Pa. his native place.

The unexpected termination of a life so well equipped and promising as that of Harold Witman is difficult to understand.

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EDWIN HENRY WITMAN—

Edwin, the second son of F. A. and Annie Freas Witman was born in Berwick, Pa. March 19, 1895. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of his native place and at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, where he graduated in 1913. The commencement at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. in 1917 marks his graduation from that institution. Some time previous to that commencement he, with others of his fellow-students, enlisted in the United States Army for service in the World-War, but, by reason of temporary disability he was released from that service. In subsequent years he completed the course of study in the school of theology at Boston University, and for a goodly period, while pursuing studies there was supply pastor of a church in North Easton, Massachusetts. At this time he was on the probationary roll of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, in which conference he was admitted to full-membership in nineteen

hundred twenty-three. At this writing, December 1926, Reverend Witman is associate pastor at State College, Pa., his labors for the most part being devoted to the moral and spiritual needs of the college students in that place.

The wife of Rev. Witman was Mary Frances Grose born in the suburbs of Boston, Mass. June 6, 1898. She is the daughter of Dr. George R. and Mrs. Grose and at the parental home in Greencastle, Indiana, the wedding took place June 8, 1922. Dr. Grose (now bishop) was at that time President of DePauw university from which his daughter, Frances, was graduated with the distinctive honor of membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

The Children of Rev. Edwin H. and Frances Grose Witman, seventh generation of the Bowman line, are:

Edwin Grose Witman, born at N. Easton, Mass. Mar. 31, 1923

Harold Francis Witman, born Harrisburg, Pa., June 6, 1924

Henry George Witman, born State College, Pa. March 28, 1927.

SARAH AMELIA FREAS-DICKSON

Sarah Amelia, born May 18, 1862, in Berwick, Pa., was the third child of Henry C. and Dorothy Bowman Freas. In the month of October 1881 she was wedded to A. W. Dickson, the Reverend James Dickson, his father, performing the ceremony. They resided in Williamsport, Pa. where her husband was the proprietor of a successful business, and there, Oct. 28, 1895 at the early age of less than thirty-three and a half years she passed away. Sallie, as she was familiarly called, was a model wife and mother and beloved by all who knew her. During her sickness, which was beyond recovery, she had a singularly beautiful experience which she related to her friends:—"The Saviour" she said "paid me a visit right after dinner and stayed the whole afternoon." In those hours they talked it over; she understood and triumphed. No longer was she unwilling to leave her six little children, the youngest but five months old, without a loving mother's tenderness and care. Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Wildwood Cemetery which overlooks the city of Williamsport.

CHILDREN (6th Generation) of A. W. and Sallie Freas Dickson: Edna Jeanette, James H., Barton Freas, Pauline, Whilldin and Dorothy who died in infancy.

EDNA JANETTE was born in the year 1882, grew up in Williamsport, Pa., attended the public schools of that city and for several years assisted in the Wholesale Business of her father. Since that time she has been connected with a business establishment in Philadelphia, Pa. living in the home of her brother James in the suburbs of that city.

JAMES H. Dickson, born April 13, 1885, is married and for many years has lived in or near the city of Philadelphia, where he was in the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Works as inspector of locomotives. At present he has a position in the Philadelphia branch of the General Electric Company. The address of James H. and Mrs. Dickson is—932 South Conestoga St. West Philadelphia, Pa.

BARTON FREAS Dickson came to his majority amid the environs of home, church, school, social and business life of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. His vocation is that of a traveling salesman. After several years experience in salesmanship with his father he stepped into a similar position in a large house furnishing establishment. His specialty is selling baby-carriages which line of endeavor he has found quite congenial and remunerative. In his early twenties he married a suitable helpmeet. Their place of residence was Youngstown, but now Berea, Ohio.

PAULINE Dickson, born April 19, 1888, was an attractive personality. She was a Graduate Nurse of the Lock Haven, Pa. Hospital, where, while nursing a private patient she contracted typhoid fever. Her death occurred in this institution Dec. 2, 1919; services were held December fifth in the home of her father, A. W. Dickson 805 Elmira street, Williamsport, Pa. Interment in Wildwood Cemetery.

WHILLDIN Dickson, next to Pauline in the family of A. W. and Sallie Freas Dickson, was born, as were other children in this family, in Williamsport and has always lived in this city. He is a business standby of his father, like him active and energetic, and brings things to pass. Whilldin Dickson (born Nov. 5, 1893) married January 6, 1916, Beatrice May Stead (born May 14, 1894) of Williamsport, Pa. They have one daughter, Betty Jane, who was born Aug. 17, 1921.

BARTON D. FREAS

Barton Dill, parents Dorothy Bowman and Henry C. Freas, was born in Berwick, Pa. Aug. 10, 1864. He was reared and educated in that place and from his youth was engaged in the banking business. The First National Bank had his services until the Berwick National Bank was organized when he became its cashier, which position he held with sustained ability. As an avocation he manufactured brick for some years, of clay on his farm which he had purchased from the estate of his maternal grandfather, George A. Bowman. He was prominent in Freemasonry and in church and civic affairs. He chose for a companion an attractive Berwick girl, Elizabeth M. Mears, to whom he was married October 16, 1890.

In their comfortable home in Berwick, December 8, 1930, Mr. Freas suddenly passed away and was laid to rest in the Pine Grove Cemetery of that place.

FREDERICK MEARS is the only child of Barton Dill and Elizabeth Mears Freas. He was born in Berwick, attended the Wharton Business School of Philadelphia, and is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. He conducted for a time a fine Picture-gallery and Art Studio in Berwick.

VERDE GERE FREAS-KELLER

Verde Gere, the youngest child of Henry C. and Dorothy Bowman Freas, was born in Berwick March 5, 1868 and was named for a daughter of Rev. John A. Gere, D. D. As she grows older in many ways she resembles her mother. Her patience, gracious bearing, optimistic spirit, interest in folks, and delight in well-doing are ever in evidence. On Oct. 18, 1891 Verde G. Freas and Charles B. Keller of Stroudsburg, Pa. were married in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick, her uncle Rev. Alfred S. Bowman officiating. In early life Mr. Keller became connected with the Stroudsburg National Bank and for many years was its cashier. He was in that position at the time of his death, nineteen hundred twenty-three, at the age of sixty years. Energetic and progressive, throughout his adult life he was active in advancing the interests and welfare of his native town and county. The Keller Children, 6th generation: (5th Verde; 4th Dorothy; 3rd

George; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher) Harry Melick born June 19, 1893, Dorothy Freas born June 22, 1897, Donald Judson who was born Aug. 14, 1898 died in infancy.

HARRY MELICK Keller, son of Verde Freas and Charles B. Keller is a graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. Chemical Engineering appealing to him he specialized in chemical studies receiving his diploma at graduation in 1916. His first professional work was with the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y. He was next with the Dupont Works, in Delaware, and now is in the employ of a large corporation in New Jersey. On Feb. 28, 1920 he married Josephine Beaumont Rakestraw of Collingswood, New Jersey, in which place they now reside. Their son, Harry Melick Keller was born October 16, 1921.

DOROTHY FREAS Keller, sister to Harry, has remained in the Stroudsburg National Bank for which her father, up to the time of his death, so assiduously labored, and is now a Paying-teller. She has other spheres of activity and is prominent in the social life of the town. Her many excellent qualities admirably befit the celebrated region in which Stroudsburg her home city is located.

CATHARINE BOWMAN

Catharine, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman, was born at Mifflinville, Pa. Feb. 2, 1829. She was of the quiet thoughtful, meditative type. She was twice married. Her first husband was Robert Watt, owner with his brother John of a flouring mill in Briarcreek Twp. Pa. They were married Dec. 28, 1865. Mr. Watt's death occurring in 1874 she returned, by her father's expressed desire, to the parental home. A few years later she married George Leamon, a painter and house decorator, of Williamsport, Pa. Both were good men and exceptionally considerate husbands. In the home of her oldest sister Margaret, Mrs. William F. Keller, she passed her second widowhood, her nieces Dora, Carrie and Hattie Keller, after their mothers death, administering to her needs with loving care. July 22, 1907 sister Catharine passed away and was buried in the cemetery in Mifflinville.

NECROLOGY

The home of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman was not

exempt from sorrow. George Forest, born October 1830 lived but a few days—Frances Jane, born May 2, 1838 passed out when about three and a half years old and Mary Virginia, born Sept. 28, 1848, one and a half years.—The next to follow was Elizabeth Ann born March fifth 1836 and went away Sept. 3, 1852; a month later Norman Wesley born Nov. 24, 1831. They were in their sixteenth and twenty-first years respectively. In the year 1852 typhoid fever was very prevalent in that region, and treatment of it being not as yet well-mastered, but few survived severe attacks. Norman did not die at home, where evidently he had contracted the contagion, but at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in which some two weeks or more prior to his death he had enrolled as a student.—A little more than ten years that lie between June 13, 1843 and June 28, 1853, measure the earthly sojourn of Elisha Aten Bowman, a brother next older to the writer in the family. These early deceased rest side by side, with others of the Bowmans, in the Brown Burying-ground near Mifflinville.

MARTHA BOWMAN-KESTER

Martha, of the same George A. Bowman family, was born April 2, 1834. Like her sister Dorothy she taught school and loved good literature. The writer well remembers seeing her gathering the butter in a cylinder churn with one hand and extracting knowledge from a book held in the other. He was very wide-eyed, too, when she left home to attend school at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary where, he overheard them say, they studied Latin, a language, he imagined, that was almost impossible to learn. The Rev. Aaron M. Kester, a rising Methodist preacher of the East Baltimore Conference, sought her hand in marriage and the ceremony took place February eighteen hundred fifty-nine. Montoursville and Ashland, Pa. were Conference appointments where they served the people acceptably and were much beloved. At Ashland Reese Bowman, their only child, was born. Heart trouble, in alarming form, admonished the mother to return to the parental home in Mifflinville and there March 16, 1862 she passed away. In the Brown graveyard she sleeps by the side of her mother.

Son, Reese Bowman Kester, 5th Generation (Martha 4th; George 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

REESE BOWMAN KESTER, D. D.

REESE BOWMAN Kester, son of Martha Bowman and the Rev. Aaron M. Kester was born in Ashland, Pa., August 2, 1861. He was only seven months old when his mother died and, although unseen to his remembrance, treasures her with marked devotion. In the home of his grandfather, George A. Bowman in Mifflinville, Pa. until nearly four years old he was under the nurturing care of a sister to his mother, his aunt Catharine Bowman. For this aunt, his foster mother, he has ever shown the deepest affection. The physical break down of his father (whose second marriage was with Mary Adda Dyson) which compelled him to desist from the active ministry, led to his removal West when Reese was in his early teens. Their home for some time was in Lincoln, Nebraska, and there Oct. 4, 1892 his father, the Rev. Aaron M. Kester died and was buried. In some region of the west the family has ever since resided.

Seeking better preparation for his life-work, that of the Christian ministry, Reese entered the Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas and later Garrett Biblical Institute, at both of which Institutions he was duly graduated. In the midst of his active career Baker University bestowed on him the Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He has had pastorates of prominent churches in Chicago, Evanston, Ill., Baldwin, Kansas where Baker University is located, and Minneapolis, Minn. For six years which terminated in October nineteen hundred twenty-five he was superintendent of the Minneapolis district of the Northern Minnesota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the earnest solicitation of a wealthy lay friend he has since been engaged in directing to worthy purposes a large beneficent fund. In Alhambra, Calif. his half sister Dr. Effie Kester—a physician as was her mother—has a large medical practice. His residence is near-by in Altadena, 1467 New York Avenue.

Dr. Kester, January 4th 1893 married Carrie Roome, a delightful character and ideal wife and mother. Their children (sixth generation) are: Katherine Roome, Edith Doris and Ernest Bowman.

KATHERINE ROOME Kester, parents Reese Bowman and Carrie Roome Kester, was born Nov. 6, 1893. She is a graduate of the

University of Minnesota, taught in Minneapolis and vicinity, is still engaged in professional duties and is living in the new Kester home in Altadena, Cal.

EDITH DORIS Kester, sister of the above, born July 13, 1895, is a graduate of the Stella Woods Kindergarten Normal School of Minneapolis, Minn. She is fond of kindergarten work in which she is an expert and has high rank. At this writing she, too, is in Altadena, Calif.

ERNEST BOWMAN KESTER, whose birth occurred January 9, 1897, is the only son of Rev. Reese Bowman and Carrie Roome Kester. During the World-War he was in the American Navy and attached for most of the period with the mine force of the Atlantic Fleet. In mine-barrage laying on an extensive scale the lives of the crew were in almost constant peril. Since the Armistice he has completed a college course and has done post-graduate work in chemistry in which he was awarded the doctor's degree. He was for a time in the employ of the firm of Sharpe & Dohme, Baltimore, Md. and has since been identified with the Baltimore Gas And Engineering Co., Nitro, W. Va. and the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Pittsburgh. His residence is in Wilkinsburg, Pa. In connection with his profession he has been called upon to read technical papers at various meetings of the American Chemical Society.

CLEMENTINE D. BOWMAN-BROWN

Clementine Delaparata, daughter of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman, was born July 31, 1840. She was reared on the farm of her father adjoining Mifflinville until eighteen hundred fifty-six when the family moved to the village. Her mother was a Brown and that name was restored to her upon her marriage, September 19, 1861, with William V. Brown (not a relative) of Stroudsburg, Pa. Mr. Brown was a miller by trade, conducting milling in lower Luzerne county and operating afterwards his father-in-law's farm near Mifflinville. From there the Browns moved to Stroudsburg, Pa. where they spent the remainder of their days. Like her brothers and sisters Clementine cherished the family ideals, was a devoted Methodist, and directed the footsteps of her children in right paths. She suffered from violent attacks of asthma which were borne courageously and lightened by the prospects of months of respite from the attacks. They

were particularly happy in having all their children and grandchildren near them in the place where they themselves resided. Their decease and other notes of interest follow:—

Clementine D. Bowman—married Sept. 19, 1861—William V. Brown.

Born July 31, 1840
Died October 11, 1909
Buried in Cemetery in
Stroudsburg, Pa.

Born April 15, 1841
Died Nov. 24, 1916
Buried in Cemetery in
Stroudsburg, Pa.

CHILDREN: 5th Generation—(Clementine 4th; George 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st) are, in the order of their births, Susan Rebecca, George, Jeanette, and Fannie who died in infancy and is buried in Mifflinville.

SUSAN REBECCA BROWN-DECKER

SUSAN REBECCA Brown, daughter of Clementine Bowman and William V. Brown, was born April 16, 1863. The advantages of the schools both in Mifflinville and Stroudsburg, Pa. where her parents resided, she put to good use. Of radiant countenance and winning disposition, given to domesticities and loving everything "good and true" she has hosts of friends. "Sue" Brown, in 1892 married John Milton Decker, who was born at Bushkill, Pike Co., Pa. Sept. 26, 1860. Mr. Decker was Postmaster in Stroudsburg nine years, retiring from that office in 1924. Prior to his occupancy of this post he was for sixteen years officially connected with the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Decker died suddenly Dec. 29, 1930 in his home in Stroudsburg.

CHILDREN of Sue R. Brown and John M. Decker: 6th Generation (Susan 5th; Clementine 4th; George 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st) are: Ruth Catharine, Vernetta Frances, Clementine Ellen and Martha Elizabeth.

RUTH CATHERINE Decker, of above parents was born Aug. 27, 1894 at Stroudsburg, Pa. She attended the grade schools and High School in that place. On August 27th 1914 she was married to George Woodward Samsel who was born at Belvidere, N. J. Aug. 12, 1891. Mr. Samsel is a graduate of the Belvidere High School and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. In 1919 he

purchased a drug store at Portage, Penna., and there he and his wife have since resided. They have one daughter, Clementine, who was born January 29, 1918.

VERNETTA FRANCES Decker, sister to the above, was born in Stroudsburg, Pa. December 30, 1896. She was graduated from the Stroudsburg High School, the East Stroudsburg State Normal School, and the Columbia University in New York City. Cultured and public-spirited she has high rank in the teaching profession. Her position, at this time, is that of teacher of language and literature in the Trenton State Normal School, Trenton, N. J. In 1930 Columbia University conferred on her the degree of Master of Arts.

CLEMENTINE ELLEN Decker, another of the Decker sisters, was born Oct. 28, 1898 at Stroudsburg, Pa. and was reared and educated in that place. In Stroudsburg she carried on, for some time a remunerative millinery business. Her marriage which occurred May 14, 1922 was with William V. Loughran of Scranton, Pa. He was graduated from the Scranton High School and Villa Nova Vellere. During the World-war he was with the Dupont Powder Company as an Executive. They live in Scranton. They have one child—Elizabeth Jane, born at Scranton Oct. 26, 1926.

MARTHA ELIZABETH Decker, sister to the above, and youngest child of John M. and Susan R. Brown Decker, was born August 16, 1903 at Stroudsburg, Pa.; was graduated from the Stroudsburg High School and the East Stroudsburg State Normal School. She took up kindergarten and primary work and taught one year in the Stroudsburg public schools. On May 2, 1925 she was married to Walter Houston Dreher, a native of Stroudsburg born July 10, 1902. Mr. Dreher is a graduate of the Stroudsburg high school and took special courses in the East Stroudsburg State Normal and Franklin and Marshall College. In October 1925 he entered the employment of LeBars' Rhododendron Nursery at Stroudsburg, and on January 1, 1927 was taken into the Company as a junior partner and elected secretary of the Corporation.

GEORGE BOWMAN BROWN

George B., son of William V. and Clementine Bowman Brown was born April 29, 1865. His education was received at Strouds-

burg, Pa. to which place his parents had moved when he was about four years old. There and at East Stroudsburg he resided until his death August 6, 1913. At the time of his decease the local papers spoke of him as a "splendid citizen, active patriot and successful business man". He was Captain and organizer of a local volunteer company during the American Spanish War, was at the head of various enterprises in his own community, and officially connected with corporations elsewhere. Mr. Brown was a member of the local B. P. O. Elks, Royal Arcanum, and the Stroudsburg camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Upon his marriage to Rachel Spragle, November 16, 1887 he established a home in East Stroudsburg to which home and that of his parents he exhibited marked devotion. In his own home at the age of 48 years he passed away; there the last obsequies were held, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which he was a member officiating. His body was laid to rest in the Stroudsburg cemetery.

THOMAS WESLEY Brown, only child of George B. and Rachel Spragle Brown, married Edith Smith of Stroudsburg. They live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JEANNETTE BROWN-DECKER

JEANNETTE BROWN, daughter of Clementine D. Bowman and William Vale Brown was born at Mifflinville, Pa. Oct. 19, 1868. She was next to the youngest of their children, Fanny the baby dying in infancy. She was reared amid the favorable environments of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Her marriage to William Fenton Decker occurred Sept. 13, 1886, her uncle, the writer performing the ceremony. Above the average in stature, genial, refined, dignified, are some interesting features of her personality. Mr. Decker for many years was prominently connected with a large Tannery Plant in East Stroudsburg. He, later, established a similar enterprise in West Virginia in which he has been very successful. They lived in East Stroudsburg until their recent removal to their new home in Stroudsburg. Their children, sixth generation of the Bowmans in America, are:— Rosanna, Florence Adele, Helen Coolbaugh, George Barrett, Jeanette Brown, and Wilburta Fenton.

ROSANNA, daughter of Jeanette B. and William F. Decker was born in East Stroudsburg, Pa. April 25, 1888. She was

joined in marriage, by the writer, to Alonza H. Keller of Stroudsburg, April 28, 1909. The death of this young bride of sterling worth occurred October fifteenth of the same year.

FLORENCE ADELE Decker, daughter of above parents, was born in Stroudsburg, Pa. April 23, 1890. She married April 17, 1915 the Rev. Elmer Walker born Sept. 8, 1887 in Trenton, N. J. His first pastoral charge was the Central Presbyterian Church, East Downingtown, Pa. During the world-war he was a Chaplain in the U. S. Army. In 1919 he became pastor of the Historic Ewing Church established in 1709, the *mother-church* of Presbyterianism in Trenton, N. J. and region roundabout. Mr. Walker is a graduate of Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. William Decker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Walker, was born at Downingtown, Pa. November 9, 1916.

HELEN COOLBAUGH Decker, of same parentage, was born in Stroudsburg, Pa. July 6, 1891. A romance begun at an Athletic gathering of Lafayette College and State Normal School, East Stroudsburg, Pa. ripened into matrimony. By the writer Helen, on December 25, 1912, was joined in marriage to Professor William Benjamin Marquard a native of Dayton, Ohio. Subsequent to 1905 the year of his graduation from the Ohio State University he accepted a teaching position in Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. with the Faculty of which Institution of learning he is still connected. They have one daughter, Catherine, born in Easton, May 4, 1916.

GEORGE BARRETT, the only son of Jeanette Brown and William F. Decker was born in Stroudsburg Novembr 8, 1893 and died July 3, 1903. Of her darling boy the mother writes:—"Little George was needed in God's garden of happy children."

JEANETTE BROWN Decker was born in East Stroudsburg, Pa. July 20, 1904 where, in the High School and the State Normal School she received her preparatory education. On the twenty-second of May 1926 she was wedded to Daniel Jamison Jr. of Morristown, N. J. Both pursued studies in Columbia University, New York City, the former graduating in 1926; the latter in 1923 obtaining three years later the degree of Master of Arts. They reside in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

WILBURTA FENTON, the youngest in the family of Jeanette B. and William F. Decker was born and reared in East Strouds-



MARY ALICE ROCKEFELLER
(Mrs. Alfred S. Bowman)

burg the date of her birth being June 10, 1906. June 26, 1926 dates her marriage to Ralph Harrison Rhinefels of East Stroudsburg in which place in nineteen-hundred-four he was born. Mr. Rhinefels has a responsible position in the Stroudsburg National Bank.

REV. ALFRED S. BOWMAN, A. B.

ALFRED STECK, son of George A. and Sarah Brown Bowman was born on his father's farm adjoining Mifflinville, Pa. Nov. 19, 1845. His middle name "Steck" was for Michael Steck, M. D., the village physician and friend of the family. Throughout his later youth he had a fine teacher in Mr. Hiram Hutchison who conducted in Mifflinville the public school in winter and a select school in summer. In 1863 when the Southern army, under Gen. Robert E. Lee invaded Pennsylvania he volunteered for defense of the State, was sworn into the United States Service in Company B 37th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia, from which service he was honorably discharged, with his Company, at Harrisburg, Pa. August 3rd 1863. He graduated in the Classical course at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in June 1868, having, a few months preceding, joined on trial the East Baltimore Conference (now the Central Pennsylvania) of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As an active itinerant minister his work in the Conference covered a period of forty-five unbroken years, serving a number of important charges. At the call of the Directors of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary the Conference appointed him its *special representative* for the twofold purpose of procuring students for the institution and an endowment fund. Both projects were commendably successful. The amount sought, \$50,000, and more, by private solicitation, was pledged and the student roll advanced to maximum figures. At the end of five years he was released in 1908 from this special work and resumed the pastorate.

Reverend Bowman married, March 3, 1874, Mary Alice Rockefeller of Danville, Pa. She was a woman of grace and unusual force of character, the eldest daughter of John and Harriet Rockefeller, born in Danville December 14, 1845. She died at Hollidaysburg, Pa. March 23, 1901 and was laid to rest in the Odd-Fellows Cemetery, Danville. The memory of her is blessed.—CHILDREN of Rev. Alfred S. and Mary Alice Rocke-

feller Bowman:— Martha Brown, John Rockefeller and George Alfred—5th Generation—(Alfred 4th; George 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

MARTHA BROWN Bowman, daughter of above parents, was born in Muncy, Pa. Oct. 31, 1876. She attended schools, private and public, in the several places where her father was the appointed minister. At the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., she pursued to graduation the Classical course of studies receiving the A. B. degree and was valedictorian of the class. In the preceding year, eighteen hundred ninety-six, she graduated in instrumental music. At Goucher College, Baltimore she specialized for sometime in English, and later, with teaching in view, made English a specialty at Columbia University, New York. Elected to the English Department in Williamsport Dickinson Seminary she filled for nine years that position most efficiently. When her father retired from the active ministry she stepped out of the educational field to preside over the home of her father and two brothers in Schenectady, N. Y. Her activities beyond the home have not ceased. She is a Director of the Young Women's Christian Association of Schenectady, was for ten years Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Troy Conference, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. She is frequently called upon to address civic and religious gatherings.

JOHN ROCKEFELLER BOWMAN, the son of Alfred S. and Mary Alice Rockefeller Bowman was born in Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 26, 1878, and was named for his maternal grandfather who lived in Danville, Pa. At his graduation in eighteen hundred ninety-six from Williamsport Dickinson Seminary he received the College Preparatory Honor. From among several institutions of higher learning he chose Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn. At the 1900 commencement he was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree and for proficiency in studies was honored with membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. At Wesleyan he was also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. In nineteen hundred one he entered the First National Bank of Altoona, Pa., remaining there two years. His services have since been given to the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y. as a member of its purchasing staff. He is a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal

Church of Schenectady and is keenly alive to its interests and everything that makes for community and world betterment.

GEORGE ALFRED Bowman, the youngest child of Rev. Alfred S. and Mary Alice Rockefeller Bowman was born at Mechanicsburg, Pa. September 27, 1881. In the year nineteen hundred he was graduated from the Hollidaysburg, Pa. High School and two years later from the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. In 1903 he became connected with the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y. in the Accounting Department. He is a member of First Methodist Church, Schenectady, N. Y. is a great reader and of business turn of mind, accentuated by the completion of a business course at Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN HERVEY BOWMAN, M. D.

John Hervey was the only child of George A. Bowman by his second wife Susan A. Reynolds. He was born Aug. 10, 1858 in Mifflinville, Pa. and grew to manhood in the religious, social and school atmosphere of the place. In 1881 he was graduated from Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and, for three or more years, taught school in Mifflinville in the last year of that period reading Medicine with Doctor J. J. Brown. Matriculating in the University of Pennsylvania, city of Philadelphia, he received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from that institution in eighteen hundred eighty-eight. His first professional work was at Jeansville, Pa. where, in association with two other physicians, he was employed by a coal operator to give medical attention to sick miners and their families. Upon the expiration of this contract he established a practice in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Meeting in this city Miss Lillian Blodgett a first sight romance began which eventuated in their marriage Sept. 14, 1898. The Union with this estimable lady, born March 17, 1876, at East Mauch Chunk, Pa. was a very happy one. In 1902 they moved to Berwick, Pa., a booming town at that time, where the doctor carried on his professional work successfully until his decease March 15, 1919. The Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick, is his final resting place. Children of Dr. and Lillian M. Bowman:—Kathryn, John Hervey and Dorothy, 5th Generation (John 4th; George 3d; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

KATHRYN BOWMAN—

Kathryn, daughter of Dr. John H. and Lillian M. Bowman was born in Hazleton, Pa. June 4, 1899. She grew up amid the favorable environment of Berwick, whither the family had removed, and obtained her education in its schools. Not long after her graduation from the High School she was married to Willard F. Kelchner, her uncle, the Rev. Alfred S. Bowman, performing the ceremony. Mr. Kelchner, born Sept. 29, 1888, is engaged in the undertaking business in Berwick which he established prior to his marriage. Following are the dates of births and names of their children:—Willard F. Jr., January 3, 1921; John Bowman Nov. 12, 1922; Richard Hughes January 24, 1924, and Joseph Shuman born October 10, 1929.

JOHN HERVEY, Jr., the only son of Lillian M. and Dr. John H. Bowman, was born in Hazleton, Pa. Aug. 2, 1900. The excellent advantages Berwick affords fell to him and to the other children in the family. Jack, as he is familiarly called by his friends, is a graduate of the High School and for most of his adult years has been with the American Car and Foundry Company in Berwick, his home town.

DOROTHY is the youngest in the family of Dr. John H. Bowman. She was born in Berwick March 31, 1907 and was brought up and educated in that place. After graduating from the High School she entered Clifton Springs Sanitarium, Clifton Springs, N. Y. to take a course in professional nursing. This course was supplemented by several months training in a leading hospital in New York City, N. Y. In the year 1928 she passed the New York State Examination and became an officially accredited nurse. Her services since, for the most part, have been in demand at The Clifton Springs Sanitarium, and the Cornell Infirmary, Ithaca, N. Y.



CATHARINE BOWMAN
(Mrs. Philip H. Hoffman)

IV.

RECORD OF CATHARINE BOWMAN, (MRS. PHILIP H. HOFFMAN), AND DESCEND- ANTS, THE FOURTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN.



CATHARINE, the first daughter of Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman, was born in Briarcreek Twp. Columbia County, Pa. in the month of November 1801. When about twenty years of age she became the bride of Philip H. Hoffman of her own neighborhood. Of their first eleven years in their native place we have no information. In Michigan, whither they had removed, Mr. Hoffman died May 2, 1855; her death occurred twenty-eight years later, Dec. 31, 1883. Both are buried in Riverside cemetery, Three Rivers, Mich. For the following the writer is indebted to his cousin, George A. Bowman Cooke of Three Rivers.

In September of the year 1833 Philip H. and Catharine Bowman, with their family, emigrated from Columbia County, Pa. to St. Joseph County, Mich. They located on a farm just north of the village limits at that time, and now partly in first ward of the city of Three Rivers, Mich. He first cleared and broke up 5 acres of his farm and the following year 10 acres, planting to corn, potatoes and buckwheat, and also some peach pits.—July 1, 1837 the first school district was organized by electing Philip H. Hoffman as moderator, and by voting \$100 to build a school house. A small plank structure 24 by 30 was erected near the moderator's home and served its purpose until 1840. It is said the Hoffmans would take a candle and go to the school house near by and hold a prayer meeting by themselves until one by one their company increased. The boys who came at first for fun remained to help in the singing, and the prayer meeting became an established feature.

With like faith a Sunday school was started, and in due time the little society had all the essentials of a full-fledged church except for the lack of a church building of its own. Mr. and Mrs.

Hoffman were among those who helped organize the membership of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Three Rivers.

In 1845 a flouring mill was built on the mill site adjacent to the Hoffman farm and later became the property of Mr. Hoffman and John H. Bowman. Eventually after Mr. Hoffman's death it came into the hands of his son, John W. Hoffman, together with the farm, who continued the ownership of both mill and farm for many years. The farm is now the largest strawberry farm in the world.

A nephew has paid the following tribute to Catharine Bowman Hoffman—"Aunt Kitty's life is a beautiful story of Christian love and faithful service to the sick, the weary, the strangers, as well as to those in the more fortunate walks of life—always the "friend in need"—a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Philip H. Hoffman—Married Catharine Bowman about 1822.

Born June 24, 1800	Born November 1801
Died May 2, 1855	Died December 31, 1883
Buried, Riverside Cemetery	Buried, Riverside Cemetery
Three Rivers, Mich.	Three Rivers, Mich.

CHILDREN Fourth Generation (Catharine, Jesse, Christopher Bowman) John W.; Jesse Bowman; Sarah Aten, George; Christian Bowman; Susannah; Mary Catharine; Mercy Jane; Norman.

Of the Hoffman children two died in early childhood; four others, adults, had comparatively short lives. Jesse Bowman and Sarah Aten whose ages were two and four years, died in 1829 and were buried at the Stone church, Briar-Creek Township, Pa. George Hoffman (married) died March 2, 1861, aged 32 years at Middleville, Mich.; was buried in Riverside cemetery, Three Rivers. Susannah Hoffman, wife of S. B. Naylor, passed away June 21, 1856; interment in Riverside cemetery, Three Rivers. Her age was a little over 23 years. Mercy Jane Hoffman went away Feb. 13, 1860 in her twenty-third year, and Norman W., the youngest in the family, July 21, 1857 in his nineteenth. In the Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers, Mich. both sleep the sleep that awaits us all. The records of the three other members of this family, John W., Christian Bowman, and Mary Catharine Hoffman, follow.

JOHN W. HOFFMAN

JOHN W. HOFFMAN, son of Catharine Bowman and Philip H. Hoffman, was born on the bank of French Creek, Crawford Co. Pa. July 2, 1823; died at Marcellus, Mich. Feb. 25, 1894. He came with his parents to Michigan in 1833. In early manhood he was married to Jane Reed, daughter of Amos and Euphany Large Reed by whom he had two children, Charles W. and Martha C. The birth of Jane Reed, occurred March 8, 1829 at Waterdown, British Canada: her death May 14, 1858, at Three Rivers, Mich. and in Riverside cemetery of that city was laid to rest. Mr. Hoffman was for sometime engaged in the milling business at Parkville, Centerville and Colon. After the death of his father in 1855 he succeeded him as owner of the "Hoffman Mill" Three Rivers, Mich. In 1891 he formed a Milling Company and built a flouring mill at Marcellus. At the organization of the First National Bank of Three Rivers in 1864 he became one of the stock holders and was chosen a director which position he held for 24 years. A man of sterling integrity, thorough in business and public spirited, by all who knew him, he was held in high respect and esteem.

CHARLES W. eldest child of John W. and Jane Reed Hoffman was born at Parkville, Mich. Dec. 10, 1854. Like his father and grandfather he pursued the milling business, that being his vocation from early boyhood. He lives in South Bend, Indiana. He chose for a helpmeet Delilah Jane Bobb of Three Rivers to whom he was wedded Aug. 25, 1880. At the age of 73 her end came at Milwaukee, Wis., burial at Three Rivers, Michigan. Their daughter, Caroline D. born Sept. 21, 1888, became in 1917 the bride of Howard A. Gibbs. Their residence is Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MARTHA C., the second child of John W. and Martha Jane Reed was born at Three Rivers May 4, 1858. "My mother" she writes "died when I was born and I was taken home to her people and always lived with them until I married: I never lived in my father's home, but lived near him and very near to grandmother, Catharine Bowman Hoffman." Her husband, Arthur H. Moody, is a Graduate Veterinary Surgeon of Three Rivers, where he has carried on his profession for a long period of years. He is a native of New York State, born at Seneca Falls May 9, 1853.

Prior to her marriage to Dr. Moody, November 17, 1886, she was bookkeeper for her father in his milling enterprises. They have a daughter, Hazel Lucile who, at the age of twenty-two, on 22nd day of Aug. 1909 was married to Eugene William Hanley. They reside in the city of Three Rivers where Mr. Hanley is engaged in the oil business.

FRANK B. Hoffman, son of John W. and Mary Elizabeth Morrison Hoffman, (his 2nd wife) was born in the city of Three Rivers, Mich. Another son of this marriage was Henry M. Hoffman. Their mother died in 1909 at Kalamazoo, Mich. and was buried at Three Rivers. The older son, Frank, lived in San Bruno, California; Henry at Iona, Michigan. Frank's death occurred February nineteen hundred twenty eight.

CHRISTIAN BOWMAN HOFFMAN

CHRISTIAN BOWMAN HOFFMAN, son of Philip H. and Catharine Bowman Hoffman, was born in the Township of Briar-Creek, Columbia County, Pennsylvania Dec. 22, 1831; died in Colon, Mich, June 4, 1875. He was owner at one time of the Colon flouring mills. In 1855 he joined the Methodist Episcopal church and was active in all its affairs. He was a member of Columbia Commandery Knights Templar of Sturges, also a 32nd degree member of the Sovereign Consistory of Detroit. He was an ardent Temperance advocate prominent in the Order of Good Templars in Colon and also in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of that place and held important offices in both. At the time of his death he was a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Three Rivers, Michigan.

The marriage of Mr. Hoffman and Margaret P. Mitchel took place at Middleville, Michigan. They had three children, two sons and one daughter, one son having died in infancy. After the death of her husband aged 43 years, the widow and son Charles and daughter Kate moved to Clarksville, Nebraska where the widow died and was brought back to Colon for burial. The son Charles married and died at Clarksville, Neb.; no other data of his family is at hand. The daughter, Kate Belle Hoffman, was married to Frank Ramsburg, Clarksville; both are deceased. They left three children:—Mary, Ernest and Kate.

MARY CATHARINE HOFFMAN-BROKAW

MARY CATHARINE HOFFMAN, daughter of Catharine Bowman and Philip H. Hoffman was born at Three Rivers, Mich. April 12, 1835; died Aug. 12, 1889. The writer, Rev. Alfred S. Bowman was sojourning with his cousin George A. B. Cooke and family in their cottage on the Bay View Camp Grounds, Northern Michigan, when word of her death came. He immediately arranged to be present at the funeral. She was beautiful in death and noble tributes were paid to her character and worth. That the event calling so many together had not occurred all devoutly wished: but the opportunity of meeting and associating with so many of his relatives for the first, and with most of them for the only time, has been to the writer the source of fond memories and peculiar satisfaction. The husband of Mary C. Hoffman was William C. Brokaw, 1822-1904 denoting his earthly sojourn. Mr. Brokaw was a mill-wright and miller. He owned and operated the flouring mill at Centerville, Mich. for a number of years and in later life removed to Three Rivers. After the death of his wife, he went to live with his daughter at Three Oaks, Mich. where he died.

CHILDREN of Mary C. Hoffman and William C. Brokaw. 5th Generation (Mary 4th; Catharine 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

Kate, Jesse L., Norman N., Jennie and Harriet Mary Brokaw. The first child Kate was born May 5, 1862 and died on the nineteenth of the same month: Jesse L. was born Sept. 26, 1865 and died May 30, 1873: Norman N. Brokaw, whose death occurred about 1900, was active in Young Men's Christian Association work, was married and left a son Norman E. In 1915 this son was living with his wife and mother in Appleton, Wisconsin.

JENNIE BROKAW, daughter of William C. and Mary Hoffman Brokaw, was born June 28, 1860. Her husband Joel Sheldon Pardee, to whom she was married Oct. 4, 1882, was a graduate of "Chicago Medical" and practiced his profession at New Troy and Three Oaks, Michigan. Prior to matriculation in the Medical University he had pursued studies to graduation in the Michigan State Normal and the Michigan Agricultural College. Doctor

Pardce's lifework closed Feb. 27, 1895; Berrian Springs, Mich. is his final resting place. Their two sons are the fifth generation of the maternal line. George B. Pardce, born May 31, 1884, married Viera Calkins Sept. 19, 1906 and lived on a farm near Three Oaks. Betty Jane, born March 2, 1920 is their adopted daughter. Lynn J. Pardce, the other son of Dr. Joel and Jennie Brokaw Pardce, was born February 24, 1895. At the age of twenty-one he was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College, and some years later, June 22, 1926 was wedded to Lois F. Paxson. They have a daughter Lynnette Joan who was born Oct. 28, 1929. They live at Three Oaks, Mich. where Mr. Pardce is engaged in the Coal and Seed business. His mother, and the family of his deceased brother George also reside in this place.

HARRIET MARY Brokaw, sister to the above, was born Jan. 3, 1864. She and her husband, F. P. Hettinger, Attorney at Law, who were married May 18, 1887, have for many years had their home in Hutchinson, Kansas. Of their five children Mary Catharine born Dec. 12, 1891, died May 12, 1893. Donald, the firstborn July 10, 1888, passed away two days after his sister Catharine.

Ruth Hettinger who was born July 1, 1894 graduated from the College of Emporia, 1917.

Florence Hettinger, born Sept. 29, 1896 is a graduate of the same college. Sept. 21, 1921 she was married to Davis D. Bovaird and they have three children:—Ruth Anna, October 29, 1923; William John, March 15, 1925; and Mary Florence born Aug. 10, 1927.

Franklin Brokaw Hettinger, the youngest of the Hettinger children, was born Oct. 1, 1899. He is an Alumnus of the High School of Hutchinson. Aline Alexander and he were married on the eighteenth day of May nineteen hundred twenty-six. To them May 5, 1927, a son was given and they named him Franklin Donald.



DERRICK ATEN BOWMAN

V.

RECORD OF DERRICK ATEN BOWMAN AND DESCENDANTS, THE FIFTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN.



DERRICK ATEN, son of Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman was born in Briarcreek Twp. Pa. Oct. 25, 1803. The writer remembers his uncle Aten as a man rather slender of build, of erect stature, an inch or so short of six feet, well proportioned, somewhat reserved, dignified, and of sterling character. Much of his spare time was devoted to reading, chiefly historical and religious books and periodicals. Upon the decease of his father Jesse Bowman he purchased the homestead farm on the bank of the Susquehanna River opposite the village of Mifflinville, Pa. The settling up of estates, occasioned by deaths, in some conspicuous cases fell to his lot. He operated his farm personally and with success until toward the close of life, when he retired from farm labors and took up his residence in Mifflinville. After his decease the valuable farm-property passed out of the family.

Aten Bowman was twice married: January 27, 1831 to Elizabeth Denison Patterson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Patterson and granddaughter of Col. Denison of Wyoming. She was born March 17, 1808, died Nov. 28, 1843 and laid to rest in the Old Stone church burying ground by the side of her parents-in-law, Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman. His second marriage in eighteen hundred forty six was with Jane Simeton Clark born April 13, 1817, a granddaughter of Colonel Robert Clark, an officer in the Revolutionary war. Mr. Bowman died May 30, 1877; his wife Jan. 25, 1899; both are buried in the Mifflinville cemetery.

Derrick Aten Bowman—Married Jan. 27, 1831—Elizabeth D. Patterson.

born Oct. 25, 1803
died May 30, 1877
Buried Mifflinville cemetery

born March 17, 1808
died November 28, 1843
Buried at Stone church, Briarcreek Twp. Pa.

Derrick A. Bowman—Mar. 1846 (2nd wife) Jane Simeton Clark.

born April 13, 1817

died Jan. 25, 1899

Buried Mifflinville cemetery.

CHILDREN: 4th Generation (Derrick 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st)—Carolyn Elizabeth, Ezekiel Patterson and Jesse G.

2nd Wife—Sarah Alice, Charles Sidera, George Dill, John Albert and Robert Severs Bowman.

CAROLYN ELIZABETH BOWMAN

CAROLYN ELIZABETH, daughter of Derrick Aten and Elizabeth Patterson Bowman, was born 1832 in the parental home, opposite the village of Mifflinville. She was twelve, the oldest of three children, in 1843 the year their mother died. Carolyn was not brought up by the Bowmans but by the Pattersons her mother's people. She, however, in the earlier period of her life oftentimes made visits to her father's home. It was on one of these occasions that she came across the river in a bateau to the home of her uncle Geo. A. Bowman and it was then the writer saw her for the first time. He remembers her as being fairly tall, having intelligent dark eyes, dark hair, graceful carriage, refined and winsome in manner. As she stood a full grown young lady by the side of his sister Dorothy he thought he had never before seen two such fine looking young ladies. A week-end visit and considerable correspondence with her, nearly fifty years thereafter, deepened that impression. Mrs. William F. Patterson of Ambler, Pa. where the visit occurred, said of her, "She has been a wonderful woman and we have always been very fond of her as she has been a member of our household ever since I was born". Carolyn Bowman taught school for a time in Mauch Chunk, Pa. Very many years of her life however were passed in Council Bluffs, Iowa, whither some of the Pattersons had removed, and there by a successful venture in real estate transactions she acquired means amply sufficient for her every comfort and need.

In late Autumn 1917 in her home in Council Bluffs, Ia. after months of gradual decline she slept in death, and was buried in the Council Bluffs cemetery by the side of a favorite nephew, Thomas Patterson Bowman, son of her brother Ezekiel.

EZEKIEL PATTERSON BOWMAN

EZEKIEL PATTERSON, son of Derrick Aten and Elizabeth Patterson Bowman, was born in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred thirty five. All the children of D. Aten Bowman were born in his farmstead-home opposite Mifflinville, Pa. He had a younger brother Jesse G. Bowman, born in 1837, who emigrated to the West and when thirty-eight years of age died in California. In 1859 Ezekiel Bowman married Mary Butler Pryor. His death occurred at Mauch Chunk, Pa. in 1865; she died at Elkhart, Ind. in 1914. At the time of his decease, at the early age of thirty, he was book-keeper for a flourishing business-concern in Mauch Chunk. He entered upon active life under favorable auspices, was an upright man, and gave every promise of a successful career.

CHILDREN— (5th Generation) of Ezekiel and Mary Pryor Bowman were Thomas and William.

THOMAS PATTERSON Bowman born at Mauch Chunk in eighteen hundred sixty, died at Council Bluffs, Iowa in nineteen hundred. Between him and his aunt Carolyn Bowman there existed a beautiful devotion.

WILLIAM E. Bowman was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa. in the year eighteen sixty-three. He was joined in marriage about 1887 to Isabella Pope and engaged in medical practice at Elkhart, Ind. He met in 1901 a tragic death. While hastening to see a patient who was critically ill he was run down at a railway crossing by a flying passenger train and instantly killed. In 1914, since which no further data has come to hand, the widow was living at Elkhart, Ind. being left with two children:—Agnes Bowman born September eighteen hundred eighty-nine; Eunice Bowman the wife of Lewis C. Curran born March 23, 1891. The Currans are living, 1914, in Indianapolis, Ind.; they have one daughter who is 7th Generation in the Bowman line (6th Eunice; 5th William; 4th Ezekiel; 3d Derrick; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

SARAH ALICE BOWMAN-SCHUYLER

SARAH ALICE, born Feb. 7, 1847, was the first child of Derrick Aten and his second wife Jane Simeton Clark Bowman. Her educational advantage in addition to that of her home school district

was a year's attendance at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. That period coincided with one of the years when her cousin, the writer, was a student in that institution. Throughout the school year they sat at the same table in the dining hall which afforded opportunity for a somewhat familiar acquaintance. The mental picture he has retained of this cousin is her beaming countenance, ease of manner and other gifts and graces that contributed to a pleasing personality. Thomas Schuyler to whom she was married in 1884 was born March 19, 1846; died at Cammal, Pa. Jan. 10, 1900. Her death occurred in Wilksbarre, Pa. Mar. 2, 1920 and her final resting place is in the cemetery of that city. Frances Lorena and Robert Bowman (5th Generation) are the children of Thomas and Sarah Bowman Schuyler.

Frances Lorena Schuyler was born April 18, 1885. To Allen C. Fry born Sept. 16, 1884 she was united in marriage June 21, 1909. They live in Wilksbarre, Pa. and in their comfortable home her mother passed the latter years of her life. Children of Allen C. and Frances Schuyler Fry:—

Carolyn Fry born June 18, 1910; Allen C. Fry born Jan. 28, 1913.

ROBERT BOWMAN Schuyler, son of Thomas and Sarah Bowman Schuyler was born April 19, 1889, married nineteen hundred eleven Clive Shawgo. They have one son Thomas born Nov. twenty-third 1911. Their home is in S. Omaha, Neb.

CHARLES SIDERA BOWMAN—GEORGE DILL BOWMAN

CHARLES SIDERA Bowman was born to D. Aten and Jane Sime-ton Bowman March 2, 1849. When a young man Charles went west and took up residence on a ranch near Toledo, Washington. He never married.

GEORGE DILL Bowman, brother of Charles, was born April 9th 1851. His wife was Sarah Kerns to whom he was married November eighteen hundred eighty-nine. They have a son, Earl Bowman, who is married and lives in Ohio. George D., the father, died at Prince Ann, Md. Dec. 24, 1913. The cemetery in Mifflinville, Pa is the place of his burial.

JOHN ALBERT BOWMAN

JOHN ALBERT, next child in the family of Derrick Aten Bowman, was born Oct. 13, 1855. He married May 6, 1885 Annie Elizabeth Large, nearly three years his junior, born in Schuylkill Co., Pa. They resided for a short time in Mifflinville, Pa. from which place they removed to Nanticoke and later to Wilksbarre, Pa. They have the rewards of industry and good management. Both are members of the Central Methodist Episcopal church of their city. They have three children:—Foster Hunter, Jean Clarke and Charles Sheldon.

FOSTER HUNTER Bowman was born April 1, 1886 at Mifflinville, Pa. Brought up in Wilksbarre he had the school and other advantages of that city. Matriculating in the University of Pennsylvania he was graduated in 1913 from the Medical Department of that Institution. In June 1914 he entered the Navy as a surgeon and served throughout the world war, in the Medical Corps. with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. December 27, 1920 he married Mary Kent Hidden of Terre Haute, Ind. They live in Bronxville N.Y. where the Doctor is engaged in medical practice. They have a son, John Hunter Bowman, born Feb. 17, 1923.

JEAN CLARK BOWMAN was born at Nanticoke, Pa. Oct. 17, 1890. Her preparatory education was received in the public schools of Wilksbarre whither her parents had removed. From the Medico Chi training-school she was in 1913 graduated as a trained nurse and followed her vocation until she became the wife April 3, 1919 of John Ellsworth Reaser, M. D. of Easton, Pa. Dr. and Mrs. Reaser have two children:—Dorothy Annette Reaser born Nov. 5th 1925; John Ellsworth Reaser, Jr. born Dec. 19, 1926.

CHARLES SHELDON Bowman, youngest child of J. Albert and Annie Large Bowman, was born at Nanticoke, Pa. July 13, 1900. From the Wilksbarre High school he entered Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. graduating therefrom June 11th, 1923. In that same month June 30th he married Florence May Arnold, daughter of Harry Arnold, of Easton. Their son Richard Arnold was born May 27, 1925. Shirley Ann Bowman, born Nov. 24, 1928. Mr. Bowman was in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company in Philadelphia, Pa. At the early age of thirty years January 10,

1931 in his home, Glenridge, Pa. he was summoned by death and laid to rest in the cemetery at the home city of his wife's people, Easton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT SEVERS BOWMAN

ROBERT SEVERS BOWMAN, born July 8, 1858, was the youngest in the family of Jane Simeton and Derrick Aten Bowman. His birth was in the parental home opposite the village of Mifflinville, Pa. which his grandfather Jesse Bowman had erected A. D. 1816. A few years only excepted, his residence was in Berwick, Pa. less than five miles from the place of his nativity. In his early active life he was editor and proprietor of the Berwick Independent, and at another period had charge of a paper issued by the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick. At the time of his death Jan. 10, 1930 he was filling out his sixth term, twenty-four years in all, as Postmaster in Berwick by appointment of the United States Government. His choice for a helpmeet was Mary Isidore Gilroy born Nov. 25, 1859, their marriage occurring Oct. 13, 1881. They have two sons, Roy Wilson born Aug. 3, 1882, and Clark Aten born Nov. 2, 1885.

ROY WILSON, son of Robert S. and Isadore G. Bowman, was born Aug. 3, 1882 in Berwick, Pa. His education was received in the public schools of that place, where he graduated from the High School in nineteen hundred one. Edith O. Johnson, also a High School graduate, born Aug. 1, 1883, became his bride Sept. 6, 1904. They located in Johnstown, Pa., where he is filling the position of Engineer with the Bethlehem Steel Company. They have two sons and two daughters: Mason J. Bowman who was born Feb. 15, 1906, is an alumnus of the Johnstown High school and for sometime attended the Pennsylvania State College. He is employed as Draughtsman by the Gardner Manufacturing Company, W. Orange, N. J. On February 11, 1928 he was joined in marriage to Ethel Mac Wagner, his junior by about three years. Robert Clark Bowman born Aug. 19, 1910, a Johnstown high school graduate is on the student-roll of Park College, Parkville, Mo. preparing for the ministry in the Presbyterian church. The daughters, Mary J. and Barbara Louise Bowman, whose births respectively were Dec. 13, 1911 and Sept. 30, 1920, are in the parental home in Johnstown. Mary J. the

elder daughter, graduate of the High school class 1929, is pursuing studies in the Indiana State Teachers College. Mrs. Roy Bowman, mother in the home passed away November tenth Nineteen Hundred Twenty-seven.

CLARK ATEN, younger son of Robert S. and Isadore G. Bowman, was born Nov. 2, 1885 and was reared, like his brother, in a favorable social and educational environment. He and his wife Harriet Mimm to whom he was married June 12, 1912 reside in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Bowman is a travelling salesman for a prominent business firm in that City.

VI.

RECORD OF LYDIA BOWMAN (Mrs. John Thompson) AND DESCENDANTS, SIXTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN.



LYDIA BOWMAN was born in Briarcreek Twp., Columbia County Pa. January 11, 1806. Her death occurring when her children were quite young and the passing of her daughter leaving two motherless little children have made it impossible to compile an adequate story of her life. It is assumed that she went to Michigan about 1833 with the families of her brother John H. Bowman and her sister Catherine Bowman Hoffman. Her marriage to John Thompson, it is believed, occurred before the emigrant party went west. They took up their abode at Flint, Indiana, where they wrought successfully and where their four children were born:—Clinton, Lydia, George and Sara. Clinton and Lydia died in infancy or early childhood; George grew to maturity and about 1873 left home and has not been heard of since. Lydia Bowman Thompson, at the age of 45 years, died at Flint, Ind.; her husband died there also and both are buried at that place. The genealogy of this family continues with Sara, the only representative that was left.

SARAH THOMPSON ANDERSON—

SARA THOMPSON, daughter of John and Lydia Bowman Thompson was born at Flint, Steuben County, Ind. A. D. 1842. At the time of her death, Dec. 1875, her children were so young that they have only the faintest recollection of her. In the mind of the writer her image is vividly pictured. During the Civil War—the winter of 1863-64 if he remembers correctly—this cousin from the west visited her uncle George A. Bowman at Mifflinville, Pa., father of the writer, and he became well acquainted with her. Above the average in height, graceful, bright-minded, pleasing in manner and conversation, refined and attractive is a memoriter description of her. She was liked by her relatives and friends and generally admired.

At the home of her cousin Mrs. William Brokaw, Centerville,

Mich. she was married, Dec. 2, 1869, to John Anderson of Colon, Mich. Mr. Anderson in 1927 was still living. His wife Sara Thompson died August 20, 1875 in Colon which is her final resting place. The Children of John and Sara Anderson:—Harriet and Kathleen: 5th Generation (Sara 4th; Lydia 3rd; 2nd Jesse; Christopher 1st).

HARRIET ANDERSON, parents John and Sara Thompson Anderson, was born at Colon, Mich. Oct. 10, 1870. Frank G. Clark to whom she was wedded June 14, 1893 was born at Lansing, Mich. Dec. 31, 1867. He is a graduate of Michigan State College. He is engaged in the manufacture of trucks in Pontiac, Mich. The record of their three children follows:—

Kathleen Fae Clark was born at Lansing May 9, 1894. She is a graduate of Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass.

Albert Anderson Clark, an Alumnus of the University of Michigan, was born at Lansing May 24, 1897. On May 12, 1923 in Ludington, Mich. he married Clara Hagerman. Their first child Hildegarde H. Clark was born Jan. 3, 1924; their second child, Thomas Hagerman Clark, was born July 20, 1926.

John Thompson Clark was born at Lansing, Mich. Oct. 5, 1903. He is a graduate of the Pontiac High School. November 25, 1925 he married Gretchen Mardrell in Detroit, Michigan.

KATHLEEN ANDERSON, second daughter of John Anderson and Sara Thompson, was born at Colon, Mich. May 26, 1872. She married May 24, 1894 Frank W. Lamberson of Colon, where he still resides. His wife Kathleen died at Colon March 24, 1900 at the early age of twenty-eight years. Of this union there were two children, Sara Marie born Mar. 21, 1895 and Harriet Elizabeth Sept. 9, 1898. Sara Marie Lamberson was united in marriage A. D. 1920 to Ned Wooley in Colon and a daughter, Sarah Marie, was born to them Jan. 9, 1923. Mr. Wooley is proprietor of a men's furnishing store in Kalamazoo, Mich. On May 23, 1925 Harriet Elizabeth Lamberson became Mrs. Myron Rose; a rosebud, Julia Marie, appeared Feb. 27, 1927. Mr. Rose is with the Scoville Manufacturing Company New York City. They reside at 1594 Hayes Avenue, Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y.

VII.

CHRISTIAN BOWMAN AND DESCENDANTS, THE SEVENTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN.



CHRISTIAN BOWMAN, born December 8, 1807 in Briar-creek Twp. Columbia Co. Pa. was the fifth son of Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman. With relatives he emigrated to Three Rivers, Mich., where his earthly life ceased Oct. 31, 1838. His wife was Caroline Fellows: her second husband was Mr. Winn. To the first union was born a son; to the second two daughters one of whom Mrs. Emma J. Webb in 1916 was living in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. Winn died in 1851 and was buried in the Bowman cemetery, Three Rivers. The society of the "Daughters of the Revolution" of that city placed a block of white marble as a marker at her grave. The marker has on it this inscription:— Caroline Fellows-Bowman-Winn, daughter of Abiel Fellows a Revolutionary soldier, 1815-1851; also an emblem of a sun-dial. Christian Bowman died Oct. 31, 1838 and was buried in the Bowman cemetery at Three Rivers. In the record of Susan Ann Bowman, next chapter, the removal of the body of Christian Bowman and others to the Riverside cemetery, Three Rivers, is noted.

Henry Christian, the son of Christian and Caroline Fellows Bowman, was born near Three Rivers A. D. 1838, the year of his father's death. His death occurred at Kalamazoo, Mich. November 4, 1912. He married Sarah Emeline Barber of Alpena, Mich., the event taking place May 25, 1862. Their children:— Minnie married Mr. Briggs living at Ashton, Mich.: Bertha (deceased) married a Mr. Steinman: Mary Etta married Mr. R. Voakes in 1913, living in Kalamazoo, later removing to Flint, Michigan. Mr. Bowman was a carpenter and contractor and resided for a number of years in Schoolcraft, Mich., moving later to a small farm in Allegan county where his wife died: thence to Kalamazoo living with his son-in-law, Mr. Voakes, until his death.

VIII.

SUSAN ANN BOWMAN THE EIGHTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN



USAN A. BOWMAN, the third daughter and eighth child of Jesse and Sarah Aten Bowman, was born Dec. 11, 1812 in Briarcreck Twp. Columbia County, Pa. After her father's death in 1823 she continued with the family of her mother until about 1833 when she removed with her oldest brother John H. Bowman and other emigrants to Michigan. In the home of this brother she remained until her death which occurred Feb. 16, 1838. She was laid to rest by the side of some other members of her brother's family whose death had preceded her departure in a plot of ground which her brother John had set apart on his own lands for burial purposes. The rapid growth of the city of Three Rivers made this location so undesirable that it soon ceased to be used as a cemetery. The paragraph which follows is illuminating as to the final disposition of the bodies buried there and also of the plot of ground itself.

"A note in the Bible of John H. Bowman (now in possession of his grandson J. J. Brown, M. D. of Bloomsburg, Pa.) says that the seven following persons were interred on the East side of Portage Ave., Three Rivers, Mich. near the dwelling of John H. Bowman.

John Q. A. Bowman, son of J. H., died Nov. 29, 1837 aged 9 yrs.

Sarah Ann, daughter of J. H. and Ann Bowman, died May 9, 1835 aged 5 yrs.

Mordecai, son of M. and A. Millard, died January 24, 1838 aged 15 yrs.

Jesse, son J. H. and Sophie Bowman died Feb. 1838 aged 18 yrs.

Ann M., 2nd wife J. H. Bowman, died April 3, 1838 aged 38 yrs.

Susan Ann, sister J. H. Bowman d. April 2, 1835 aged 23 yrs.

Christian, brother J. H. Bowman d. Oct. 31 1838 nearly 31 yrs."

The above note was enclosed in a letter from Dr. J. J. Brown of Bloomsburg, Pa. dated March 23, 1916, to George A. B. Cooke of Three Rivers, Mich. Mr. Cooke says: "on the 29, I went to the proposed park (the old Bowman cemetery) and after careful search failed to find any Bowman headstones. I then went to the Secretary of our present cemetery (Riverside) and after a careful examination could find no record of any Bowman burials. He said the Cemetery Association was organized in 1858 or 59 and understood the burial records of several first years were kept in an envelope and they had been lost. I then saw A. W. Snyder (he of the Bowman line whom you probably remember). He said he remembered the taking up of the bodies but couldn't remember where they were buried, neither could he tell what year except that it was previous to his enlistment in the war in 1862. Knowing that if buried in Riverside cemetery the treasurer's books should show the purchase of a lot, I secured same and found as follows:— Allotment x section 21 Lot 2, May 19, 1862, by amount J. E. Bowman twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Directly following same day and same allotment and section Lot 1 A. B. Moore, and Lot 4 Emma Millard Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). I went to cemetery and with sexton located the Bowman lot and found a depression of nearly half of lot of about 8 inches lower than the other part of lot. After the ground got in good condition I went to cemetery and had the Sexton test the ground. In the depressed part he put the iron rod down 6 feet readily with his hands and in the other part of ground he couldn't force it down a foot. There is no stone or monument on the Bowman lot; there is a monument on the Moore lot and a headstone on the Millard lot. A. B. Moore claimed relationship to the Bowmans—the Millards the same I believe—just what I don't know. The purchase of a lot by the son of John H. Bowman by his 2nd wife (Ann Millard), the size of depression of lot and test of ground, show conclusively to me that the body of his mother, with the entire group as given, was transferred to the Riverside Cemetery by him."

All of the above in quotation marks is transcribed from a letter of George A. B. Cooke, Three Rivers, Mich. to the editor of this genealogy; the letter bears date of December 3, 1917. A. B.

Moore may have been the cousin of John H. Bowman, son of his aunt Susan Bowman who married Anthony Moore. The Mordecai Millard in the burial group, doubtless, was the son of J. H. Bowman's 2nd wife by her first husband. The Bowman cemetery is now known as "THE JOHN H. BOWMAN MEMORIAL PARK."

IX.

RECORD OF MARY ANN BOWMAN (Mrs. Reynolds—Mrs. Hower) AND DESCENDANTS, NINTH CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN



MARY ANN Bowman was born in Briar-Creek Twp. Columbia County, Pa. Nov. 9, 1816 and died in Chicago, Ill. June 16, 1900. The early part of her life was spent in her native state and county, where, February 9, 1841 she was married to Hiram Reynolds. She was left a widow with two small boys, Victor and Charles. February tenth eighteen hundred fifty-two she was married to Piercapher Hower. They settled in St. Joseph County, Michigan, where they lived until 1863, when they moved to Marilla, Michigan. They were among the first settlers in this part of the State taking an active part in the progress of the new County, and lending assistance to ministers who came into that newly inhabited region to organize Sunday schools and churches.

At this time there were eight children in their family; two by her first marriage; three, one daughter and two sons, by her husband's first marriage, and three, one daughter and two sons, by their marriage. Her husband, Mr. Hower, died in 1896 after which her time was divided between the daughter of her husband, Mrs. W. W. Wood (Anna Olevia Hower) Clio, Mich. and her daughter, Sarah E. Hower, who lives in Chicago, Ill., at whose home she died. She was brought to Michigan from Chicago to be buried beside her husband in the quiet cemetery of Marilla, she always loved. Her son Ira Hower who resides in Logan City, Oregon, and Aten Hower of Oregon were not privileged to be at the funeral. There were present beside the ones mentioned above C. T. Hower and son Roy of Chicago, C. D. Hower and daughter of Traverse City, Mrs. S. D. Yates of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is her granddaughter. Besides her children she leaves a twin-sister Sarah Ann Bowman Cooke who is at the home in Chicago, Ill. the last surviving member of a large family and eighty-three years of age. The twins Mary and Sarah are cousins to Bishop



MARY A. BOWMAN
(Mrs. Hiram Reynolds, Mrs. Piercapher Hower)

Thomas Bowman, and are a few months older than the bishop. They spent part of the summer of 1895 in the east visiting relatives and friends of their early days in Pennsylvania, after which they returned to Chicago, where they were not again separated until Mary's death. Mrs. Hower became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church when thirteen years of age, was a consistent Christian always pleading the cause of the poor and needy. A patient and sacrificing mother, a quiet and sympathizing friend, young in thought and active both mentally and physically although eighty-three years of age. Her passing away was so peaceful as to leave in death nothing to dread. Her faith to the last was as an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast, and reacheth to that within the veil where Christ the forerunner has gone. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Trevin of the Methodist Episcopal church, Copenish, Michigan.

(The above tribute is by her step-daughter, Anna Alevia Hower, Mrs. W. W. Wood.)

Mary Ann Bowman—Married Hiram Reynolds, Feb. 9, 1841.

born Nov. 9, 1816	born November 2, 1815
died June 16, 1900	died March 18, 1845
Buried at Marilla, Twp. Manistee Co. Mich.	Buried at Mifflinville Col- umbia Co. Pa.

Married Piercapher Hower, Feb. 10, 1852

Mr. Hower was	
born Feb. 17, 1813	Buried at Marilla, Twp.
died April 14, 1886	Manistee Co. Michigan

CHILDREN—4th Generation (Mary A 3d; Jesse 2d; Christopher 1st).

By first husband, Victor Cooke and Charles Augustus Reynolds.

By second husband, Aten Bowman Hower, born July 14, 1853. George E. Hower, born Jan. 17, 1855, died Jan. 16, 1856; Ira P. Hower, born Sept. 25, 1857; Sarah Elizabeth Hower, b. Jan. 7, 1861.

The Hower children by his first wife (Olevia Tyler): Clemuel Tyler, Samuel Dudley and Anna Olevia (Mrs. W. W. Wood) who, in 1921, lived in Manistee, Mich. and died there a few years after.

VICTOR COOKE REYNOLDS

VICTOR COOKE, son of Hiram and Mary A. Bowman Reynolds was born at Mifflinville, Pa. Dec. 8, 1841. In 1861 he was joined in marriage to Lucinda Miller of Mifflinville. He was a carpenter and builder and soon after his marriage moved to Shenandoah, Pa., a new town that was springing up in the coal region. At Shenandoah in 1872 his wife passed away and was buried in that place. He died in Detroit Feb. 20, 1903 and was buried at Parkville, Mich. Their children were:— Charles Henry; Claribel; Lydia Alice; George and Mary Louise. George and Mary both died in Shenandoah, the former aged three years, the latter three months.

CHARLES HENRY, the first child of Lucinda Miller and Victor Cooke Reynolds, was born in Mifflinville, Pa. Dec. 29, 1862. He was a dentist by profession and early in his career established a successful practice in Danville, Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Gilbert of Catawissa, Pa. They have one child. Dr. Reynolds died in Danville May 8, 1922. Louise Sharpless the only child of Sarah Gilbert and Dr. C. H. Reynolds was born at Catawissa, Pa. Dec. 2, 1897. She was united in marriage to Richard M. Weiser May 1, 1920. Their home is in Holyoke, Mass. and in this place their children were born:— Richard M., Jr. Aug. 14, 1923; Nancy Sept. 10, 1925; Louise Gilbert May 9, 1927.

CLARIBEL, sister to Charles in the Victor Reynolds family, was born at Mifflinville, Pa. Sept. 5, 1864. At Manistee, Mich. in 1883 she was married to William E. Yates, now deceased. Her home for many years has been in Detroit, Michigan.

LYDIA ALICE, another daughter in the Victor Reynolds family, was born at Three Rivers, Mich. Mar. 18, 1869. She has made her home in Mount Carmel, Pa. where some of her mother's near relatives reside. The children of Victor and Lucinda Miller Reynolds are the 5th Generation—(4th Victor; 3d Mary; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

CHARLES AUGUSTUS REYNOLDS

Charles, the younger son of Hiram and Mary A. Bowman Reynolds, was born in Mifflinville Aug. 19, 1843. He was not

two years old at the time of his father's death. The mother continued to live in Mifflinville until her marriage in eighteen hundred fifty two to Piercapher Hower when her two boys accompanied them to their new home in St. Joseph County, Michigan. Charles married Charlotte H. Bloom of Parkville, Mich., and on their farm near this place they lived all their days. His wife Charlotte passed away Jan. 24, 1916; Charles, her husband, in 1927. Their children:—

Perry Reynolds was born Aug. 23, 1869. He is married, lives in Vicksburg, Mich., has a daughter Nellie M. born Feb. 2, 1901.

Olin Victor, the second son of Charles and Charlotte Reynolds, was born April 12, 1878 and lives in Park township, St. Joseph county, Mich. He is married and has three children:— Gladys born Oct. 16, 1902; Charlotte Jane July 28, 1909; Ida May July 8, 1912.

Ira C., the third son, was born May 27, 1887. Ira C. and his wife Edith Reynolds live near Three Rivers, Mich. Their younger daughter Alice was born Aug. 5, 1909. When about eight years old their elder daughter passed away.

ATEN BOWMAN HOWER—SARAH ELIZABETH HOWER

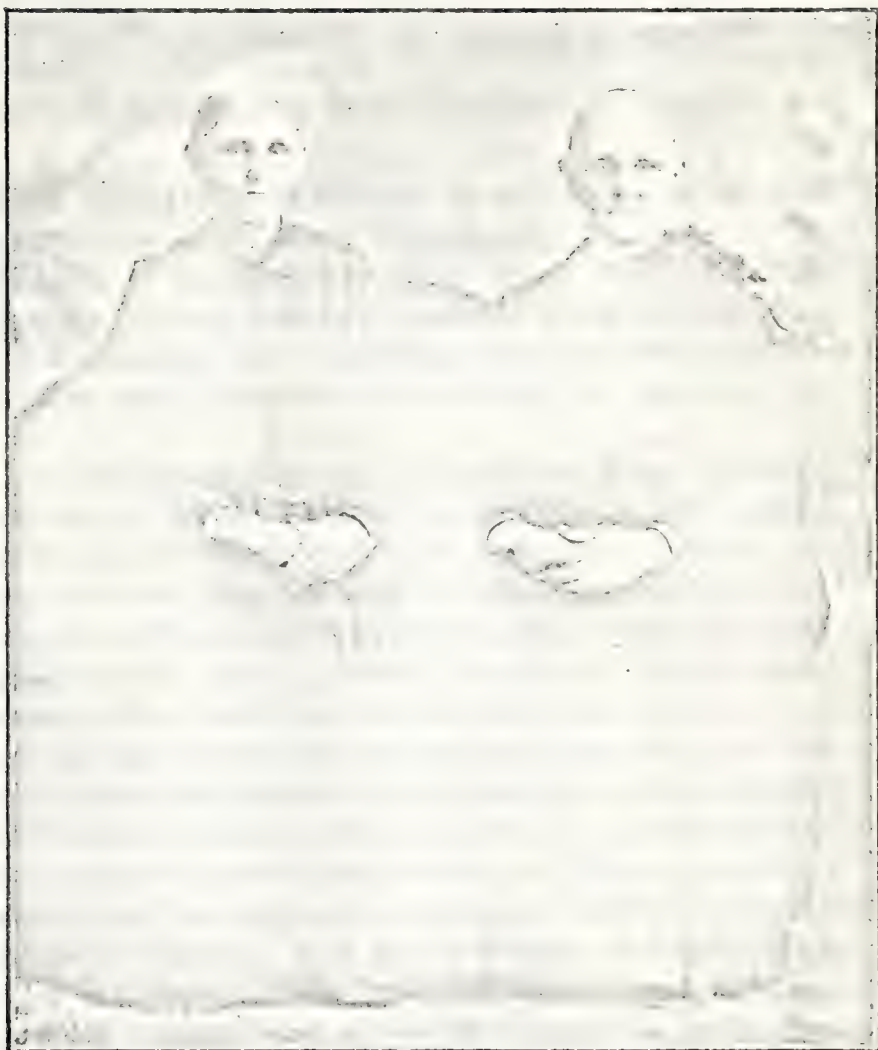
ATEN BOWMAN Hower, son of Mary Ann Bowman and Piercapher Hower (2nd husband) was born at Parkeville, St. Joseph County, Mich. July 14, 1853. He is married and has six children. In his earlier married life he was located at Baker, Oregon, and it is believed still has citizenship in that state. George E. Hower, brother to Aten, was born Jan. 17, 1855 and had but one short year of life. Sarah E. Hower the youngest child of Piercapher Hower and Mary A. Bowman, born January 7, 1861, has for most of her adult years resided in Chicago, Ill. In recent years her residence has been at West Palm Beach, Fla.

IRA P. HOWER

IRA P. HOWER, the last but one in the family of Piercapher and Mary A. Bowman Hower, is set down last in this record because of the fuller data in hand pertaining to his life and career. He was born Sept. 25, 1857 and was twice married, Orlinda Casselman being the first (no surviving children), and

Edna K. Howell his second wife. For twenty-one years he was engaged in timber and farmlands in Oregon, following agricultural pursuits nearly all of his life. He is a Christian man, an ardent member and supporter of the Baptist church. Friday Harbor, Wash. is where he now resides in comfort at the age of more than three score years and ten. The record of the ten children, all living, of Ira P. and Edna Hower is of much interest. —Melba May Hower born July 8, 1898 is, since June 23, 1927, Mrs. Alvin H. Koch. —Theron Aten Hower, wedded June 29, 1927 to Gladis King, was born Nov. 3, 1899. —Rheta Hower Dec. 13, 1903. —Glen Hower March 8, 1905. —Harold Hower Jan. 10, 1907. —Alice E. Hower Jan. 13, 1910. —Mary Margaret Hower April 7, 1912. —Dorothy Jane Hower Sept. 11, 1914 —Gilbert Onation Hower Sept. 17, 1916 and Robert Stanley Hower was born Aug. 13, 1919.

The names of the three children of Piercapher Hower and Olevia Tyler, his first wife, appear on a previous page. Especial mention is here given to the daughter, Anna Olevia, Mrs. W. W. Wood. Between her and Mary A. Bowman, her second mother, there was a strong attachment. She loved to have her and her twin-sister Sarah A. Cooke visit her in the old Hower homestead at Marilla, Mich. In this home the funeral services of the only mother whom she knew were held. The beautiful tribute paid her upon her death was the work of her heart and hand. Olevia (Mrs. W. W. Wood) passed away in midsummer of 1926; they rest in the same sequestered burial-spot Marilla Twp., Manistee County, Michigan.



(Left) SARAH A. BOWMAN (Mrs. Joseph Cooke)

(Right) TWIN SISTER, MARY

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RECORD OF SARAH ANN BOWMAN (Mrs. Joseph Cooke) AND DESCENDANTS, THE YOUNGEST CHILD OF JESSE AND SARAH ATEN BOWMAN



MRS. SARAH A. BOWMAN Cooke, widow of the late Col. Joseph Cooke of Waynesburg, Pa., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary A. C. Bradley, 1634 Wilson Avenue Cleveland, O. on Friday Dec. 6, 1901. The daughter was taken down first and the mother a few days after with pneumonia from which the daughter recovered.

Sarah Ann Bowman was born in Briar-Creek Twp. Columbia County, Pa. Nov. 9, 1816. She was married Feb. 9, 1841 (same day as her twin-sister Mary Ann) to Joseph Cooke of Belvidere, New Jersey. In 1848 they removed from Belvidere to Washington, Pa., and in 1853 came to Waynesburg, Pa., where they lived until the death of Col. Cooke in 1890. During her long residence in Waynesburg Mrs. Cooke had become endeared to all her acquaintances and only a few of her friends of earlier days survived her. In her youth she became a Christian and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. With this church in Waynesburg she had been long connected as a member and here, as elsewhere, she ever exemplified her profession and was a faithful worker in the cause of her Master. She was a woman of bright mind retaining her faculties perfectly until the end. It had been her daily custom for a long period of her life to spend an hour after the noon meal reading newspapers. She kept herself well informed upon all important events transpiring throughout the world.

After the death of her husband she spent most of her remaining years with her children in the West, also residing for a considerable length of time with her widowed twin sister until the latter's death in June 1900. Four of her six children survived her: George A. B. Cooke, Three Rivers, Mich. Mary A. C. Bradley, Cleveland, O.; Winfield S. Cooke, Baker City, Oregon; and

Arthur I. Cooke, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. The remains were brought to Waynesburg accompanied by her sons, A. I. Cooke and George A. B. Cooke and grandson Joseph Bradley. The funeral was held from the residence of A. I. Cooke services being conducted by the Reverend William Tippen and Dr. J. M. Mealy. Interment was in Green Mount Cemetery.

To the above life-sketch of Sarah Ann Bowman Cooke, which appeared in the Waynesburg paper at the time of her death, very much of interest might be added. Prior to settling down in their home in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania their life had been changeful. The greatest trial, however, came to the wife and mother while living there. Her husband and three of her sons had volunteered in the Union Army and engaged in many battles of the Civil War. The part each of them had in that bloody conflict is noted in their respective genealogies which follow. Henry Cooke, their second son born 1846, enlisted Nov. 21, 1862 in the same Company as his father, and was killed, at Opaquan known as the battle of Winchester under General Sheridan September 12, 1864. Lieut. Newton commanding his Company wrote his mother:—

“I embrace the first opportunity since the battle of Winchester to notify you of the death of your son, Henry Cooke. He was killed at the head of his Company while gallantly charging the enemy’s works. He was decently buried on the field where he fell. The death of Corporal Cooke is a loss deeply felt by all in his Company and throughout the Regiment. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him both as a soldier and a gentleman. I deeply sympathize with you in the loss of your beloved son and our much beloved companion in arms.”

Some years after the death of her husband Mrs. Cooke was visiting her granddaughter, Miss Gertrude Bradley, at the Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, during the Indian outbreak there and witnessed that exciting time.

Between the twins, Mary Ann and Sarah Ann Bowman, there was a close resemblance in physical features, mentality, and kindly consideration for others. Their affection for each other was always in evidence. They lived together, until the death of Mary, some four or five years which period of reunion was con-

spicuously marked by mutual sympathy, helpfulness, gladness and joy. It was in 1895, during that period, they visited nephews and nieces in the East, and amid the scenes of their childhood and youth passed some time with unwonted delight and satisfaction. The twins were both diligent readers of good books and comported themselves worthily in every relation in which they were placed.

JOSEPH COOKE, husband of Sarah Ann Bowman, is given special mention because of his valor, sacrifices and sufferings in the U. S. Army during the 1861-1865 Civil War. The Cookes trace their descendants from Francis, born in the Parish of Blythe, England; removed 1582 to Holland, thence to America in the "Mayflower" 1620; Jacob Cooke born in Holland 1616; Jacob the 2nd born 1653; William born 1680; Elisha born 1717; Consider born 1745; William born near New Hope, N. J. 1773. He married Margaret McMurtrie born 1779, daughter of John McMurtrie a Captain in the Revolutionary War. Of their six children Joseph was the third born near Marksboro, N. J. June 21, 1812. At the age of thirteen he entered the printing-office of "The Apollo", Belvidere, N. J., where he remained one year. After a short time he was apprenticed to Judge John Hall, editor of the "Sussex Register", Newton, N. J. remaining there until he was twenty two years old. Then he went to New York City where he worked for Greely (Horace) & McElrath on the "Log Cabin" for some months. Upon his return he began school-teaching which occupation he followed until his marriage when he settled in Belvidere, N. J. where he was Deputy Clerk for five years and at the same time continued in the Apollo Office.

Colonel Cooke and family after seven years residence in Belvidere removed, in the fall of 1848 to Washington, Pa. and with Seth T. Hurd established the "Washington Commonwealth" a whig newspaper. Having severed his connection with this paper he moved to Waynesburg, Pa. and began publication of the "Waynesburg Eagle" which he continued until 1856, when he engaged in other business giving a year or so to the study of law. The Colonel was genial and companionable, always a reliable friend or a frank open enemy. His education was only such as he gained in the common schools of that day but his chosen

profession was a liberal education. In politics he was prominently active both as a Whig and a Republican. Previous to the Civil War, by appointment of Governor Andrew G. Curtin of Pennsylvania, he held a Commission as Colonel of the State Militia for which reason he carried the appellation of Col. during his life.

November 21, 1862 he enlisted in Company A. 18th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry as Commissary Sergeant participating in all the battles and raids of the Regiment up to the 10th day of June 1864, when he was taken prisoner suffering successively the horrors of Libby and Danville Prisons in Virginia and Florence and Andersonville prisons in South Carolina and Georgia. By strategy he was released Dec. 31, 1864 from Andersonville prison with a squad of others for exchange, but among whom his name did not appear, and was sent home a complete wreck of his former self, a man weighing two hundred pounds and over reduced in flesh to ninety-seven pounds. He became sick and lay for weeks on the brink of the grave but finally recovered and attained his previous weight. He was wounded at Hunterstown at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa. July 2, 1863. He was discharged from the service July 11, 1865. The Regiment participated with the armies of the Potomac and Shenandoah in 51 battles and was conspicuous for bravery. After the close of the war he was appointed postmaster at Waynesburg, Pa. and held the office from 1865 continuously for twenty-two years greatly improving during his administration the mail facilities of his town and county. He died at Waynesburg June 18, 1890 aged seventy-eight years.

Sarah Ann Bowman—Married Feb. 9, 1841—Joseph Cooke.

born November 9, 1816

died December 6, 1901

Buried at Waynesburg, Pa.

born June 21, 1812

died June 18, 1890

Buried at Waynesburg, Pa.

CHILDREN—4th Generation (Sarah 3rd; Jesse 2d; Christopher 1st)—George Aten Bowman; Mary Ann; Henry; Winfield Scott; James Leslie, born Oct. 8, 1850, died 1852 at Washington, Pa.; and Arthur Inghram.

GEORGE A. B. COOKE

GEORGE A. B. Cooke, son of Joseph and Sarah Ann Bowman Cooke, was born in Belvidere, N. J. Feb. 9, 1842. Disliking

school he began, at nine years of age under the tuition of his father, at Washington, Pa., to learn the trade of printing. Both there and at Waynesburg, Pa. whither the family removed he followed this occupation until 1862. In August of this year he enlisted as Corporal in Co. H. 123rd Pa. Vol. Infantry, participating in the 2nd battle of Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellerville. In the fall of 1863 he went to Three Rivers, Mich. and was connected with the "press" of that city until 1895, the last sixteen years as publisher and proprietor of the Three Rivers Tribune, when he retired from active business life of forty-five years. During his residence in Three Rivers, where he continued to live, he was active in promoting and advancing his city's industrial, political, moral and social interests; was a member of the Council several terms and for several years of the Board of Education; postmaster under the Harrison administration; an active member of Ed. M. Prutzman Post Grand Army of the Republic as Commander and Adjutant for a series of years; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In A. D. 1870 he married Sarah Maria Rice, born 1840, daughter of John P. Rice, Trucksville, Luzerne Co. Pa. Her education was received in the common schools and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. At the age of nine years she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and after her marriage joined, by transfer of letter, the church in Three Rivers of which she was a prominent member and active worker until life's close February fifteenth eighteen hundred thirteen.

George A. Bowman Cooke—Married Feb. 23, 1870—Sarah Maria Rice.

Born February 8, 1842	Born November 7, 1840
Died June 5, 1926	Died February 15, 1913
Buried Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers, Michigan	Buried Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers, Michigan

CHILDREN: 5th Generation (George 4th; Sarah 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

Joseph Rice born at Three Rivers, Mich. June 5, 1871; died in Waynesburg, Pa. Nov. 23, 1876 and buried there in Greenmount cemetery.

Anna Margaret, born at Three Rivers, Mich. July 11, 1872; died at Three Rivers December 19, 1878; buried in Riverside cemetery.

Florence Edna, was born at Three Rivers, Mich. June 3, 1878 and reared and educated amid the wholesome environment of that city. At this place Dec. 3, 1902 she became the bride of Victor Hugo Van Horn whose birth occurred at Shickshinny, Pa. April 16, 1878. Mr. Van Horn is a commercial and scenic photographer with a fine business in the city of Three Rivers. Their first child, a daughter born Nov. 6, 1903, died in infancy. Their other children, five in number, are: Robert Cooke, born Dec. 2, 1904; Barnard Santee born Feb. 23, 1906; George Wesley born May 19, 1908; Vivian Marie born May 11, 1912; Hugh Denton May 5, 1915. With the exception of Robert who was born at Kalamazoo, Mich., all saw the light at Three Rivers where they are in preparation for their life work.

MARY ANN COOKE—BRADLEY

MARY ANN Cooke, daughter of Col. Joseph and Sarah A. Bowman Cooke, was born in Belvidere, N. J. April 23, 1844. When a maiden of about nineteen summers she visited in the home of her uncle George A. Bowman, Mifflinville, Pa., father of the writer. He remembers her as genial, likable, mentally alert and in the flush of health. At the time of her marriage to Charles Borromeo Bradley Nov. 9, 1865, her parents resided in Waynesburg, Green Co. Pa. Mr. Bradley was born June 1842. He enlisted, at the age of nineteen, in the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, July 15, 1861 and was discharged by General Order Aug. 8, 1862. His trade was that of a saddler but for a number of years he was teacher of music in Dana's Musical Institute, Warren, Ohio. On Dec. 8th 1885 his death occurred and he was buried at Waynesburg. Mary Cooke, wife of Charles Bradley, passed away Oct. 30, 1924 and was buried at Rushville, Neb. where, the last three years of her life, she had her home with her daughter Mrs. Catharine Chamberlain. The children of Charles B. and Mary Cooke Bradley, Mary born 1866 and lived seven days, Ann Gertrude, Catharine Cooke, Mary Frances Genevieve, Joseph Bowman and Sarah Mabel, are the 5th Generation in the maternal line (Mary 4th; Sarah 3rd; Jesse 2d; Christopher 1st).

GERTRUDE ANN BRADLEY—SWEENEY

GERTRUDE ANN BRADLEY, parents Charles B. and Mary Cooke Bradley, was born May 31, 1868 and reared in Waynesburg, Pa. For a decade she was engaged in educational work. She was a teacher in the public schools of Waynesburg when in 1890 appointed to a teaching position among the Sioux Indians at the Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota. Upon the close of the school year she became the bride of Mr. John Miles Sweeney, both she and her husband teaching at this Indian agency another year. They were then sent to a new District called Grass Creek, where they taught two years after which time they were transferred to Fort Belknap, Montana among the Govans and Assinaboignes.

A peculiar incident, on record at Washington, D. C., occurred during the period, 1888-1892, that Mr. Sweeney taught school at the Pine Ridge Indian Agency So. Dakota at the time the war with Sitting Bull was brewing. "Mr. Sweeney was the first person who dared cut a Sioux Indian boys hair while he was on the Reservation. It caused quite a sensation especially among the Sioux women: they would affectionately hold their boys hair, they had picked off the ground, and on walking around the log school house wail and say "Oh my poor boy has lost his hair". For a time it looked as if the Indians might perform some hostile act, but Chief Little Wound was a good Indian and a staunch friend of Mr. Sweeney". In Sept. 1894 Mr. Sweeney was appointed Principal and his wife Chief Matron of the Boarding School at Fort Belknap, Mont. Two years in this cold country sufficed and asking for a change they were transferred to the Whirlwind Indian School near Fay, Okla., where as teacher and assistant musician respectively they remained two years. From family considerations (there were now seven children) they resigned from the Government Indian Service, January 1, 1896. John Miles Sweeny was born in Oil City, Pa., from which place, when he was a youth his parents removed to Rushville, Neb. His death occurred at Sharon, Pa. August 16, 1921 where he now rests. Mrs. Sweeney lives at Corpus Christi, Texas. Having musical gifts, like her father, she teaches on the piano, violin and cornet and leads an orchestra. The children of John Miles and Gertrude Bradley Sweeney, the 6th generation in the maternal

line, (Gertrude 5th; Mary A. Cooke 4th; Sarah A. Bowman 3d; Jesse Bowman 2nd; Christopher Bowman 1st) are as follows:

JOHN JOSEPH and WINONA GERTRUDE Sweeney were born in Medicine District, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota April 9, 1892. The twin-brother, John Joseph, died the twenty sixth day of the same month. Gertrude was married in the Sacred Heart church Aransas Pass, Texas June 21, 1917 to Alexander Rudolph Stewart who was born in Live Oak Co., Tex. August 12, 1889. They live in Rockport, Tex. To them six children were born:—

Theresa Marie March 20, 1918 in San Antonio, Tex.

Gertrude Ansula May 21, 1920 in Aransas Pass, Tex.

John Berchman Dec. 31, 1921 in Aransas Pass, Tex.

Mary Ann Oct. 28, 1923 in Aransas Pass, Tex.

Margaret Alice July 26, 1927 in Madison, Ill. and Winola

Agnes Stewart Oct. 22, 1929 in Rockport, Texas.

Miles Michael Sweeney was born May 25, 1893 in the Grass Creek District, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota. He enlisted in the World War with the Fifth Regiment, 2nd Division, U. S. Marines on May 5, 1917; was in the thickest of the fight; made Sergeant June 1, 1918 and honorably discharged Aug. 13, 1919. In Sharon, Pa. January 14, 1920 he was married to Alice Emily English, who was born in Sharon March 19, 1896. In this place November 11, 1920 their son George Lejeune Sweeney was born.

Leo Stafford Sweeney was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation So. Dak. Jan. 26, 1895. His marriage, Bishop J. W. Shaw officiating, to Ellen Patricia Shaughnessy took place November nineteen hundred sixteen in Santa Rosa Chapel, San Antonio, Texas. She was born in that City Jan. 12, 1894, died Feb. 19, 1920 and has burial in the city cemetery. Of this union there were two children: Patricia Genevieve born Oct. 21, 1917 in Sharon, Pa. and Joseph Berchman Jan. 6, 1918 in San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Sweeney married Sept. 24, 1924 Mary Gwendoline Terrell of San Antonio. The children by this marriage are, John Edmond born Oct. 14, 1925 in Granite City, Ill. and Mary Frances November 18, 1929 at Sweet Grass, Montana. The family resides at the latter place where Mr. Sweeney is Superintendent in the office of the Montana Pipe Line Company.

Marie Bradley Sweeney was born Sept. 7, 1896 on the Sweeney Brothers Ranch twelve miles south of Rushville, Neb.; married Jan. 14, 1918, in Youngstown, O., James W. Madden, born in Sharon, Pa. where they are now living and own a home. Their five children were born in Sharon, two of whom are deceased. Marie Caroline born Oct. 24, 1918; Elizabeth Josephine born Dec. 4, 1920, died July 20, 1922; James William born Jan. 22, 1923; Margaret Ruth date of birth Dec. 29, 1925 and Delores Theresa Madden who was born July 10, 1929 and passed away Sept. 17, 1929.

James Ambrose Sweeney was born in the Whirlwind Indian Camp near Fay, Okla. Dec. 11, 1897. Ellen Jane Thornton, a maiden of nineteen, he wedded June 25, 1924 in Youngstown, O. her native place. Of their three daughters the first two are deceased; Ellen Marie born March 25, 1925 died Nov. 19, of the same year; Dorothy Rose born Sept. 26, 1926 died Jan. 19, 1927; Ruth Ellen, born Jan. 16, 1928, survives to bless their home in Youngstown, where the father is engaged in business.

Paul Joseph Sweeney was born in the Government school, in Whirlwind Indian Camp near Fay, Okla. Dec. 11, 1897. He is now employed on the Staff of the Youngstown Telegram, a daily newspaper.

Rose Mary Sweeney was born July 8, 1901 near Fay, Okla. She was reared in the parental home and after preparation engaged with a business firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

Frances Genevieve Sweeney was born Aug. 29, 1903. Like other children in the family her birth place was near Fay Oklahoma. In Youngstown, O. Sept. 29, 1917 her earthly life closed and her mortal part rests in Convent cemetery Villa Maria, Pennsylvania.

Ruth Elizabeth Sweeney, birthplace same as above, was born April 6, 1905. She is a stenographer and is now with the Electro Thermal Company in Steubenville, Ohio.

Charles Walter Sweeney, the sixth and youngest son in this family, was born in San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 8, 1907; married Aug. 8, 1927 Ann Teresa Murphy, who was born Oct. 14, 1909 in Youngstown, O. They live in that city where Charles is associated in business with his brother James. They have two chil-

dren:—Charles Arthur born June 7, 1928 and Ellen Rose May 21, 1929.

Margaret Mary Sweeney was born in San Antonio, Tex. June 29, 1909. Arthur Reinagel of Granite City, Ill. whom she married May 13, 1929 has a position with an Iron Works Industry in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. A son, Joseph Arthur, Feb. 13, 1930, was born in their Philadelphia home.

Gertrude Ann Sweeney was born Nov. 7, 1912 in San Antonio Texas. She was the youngest child and seventh daughter of John Miles and Gertrude Ann (Bradley) Sweeney and named for her mother. At the time of her father's death she was nine years old. She is with her mother whose home is 1609 Van Loan St., Corpus Christi, Tex., attends the Corpus Christi high school where she is a Junior and violinist in the school orchestra.

CATHARINE COOKE BRADLEY-CHAMBERLAIN

CATHARINE COOKE Bradley, daughter of Charles B. and Mary A. Cooke Bradley was born April 22, 1870 in Waynesburg, Pa. where her childhood and youth were passed. For five years, 1890-95, she was in the Government service as Teacher amongst the Indians at the Pine Ridge Agency, S. Dakota. Remaining there a year she was transferred to Albuquerque, N. M.; she taught there until June 1895, after which she left the Government service, and moved to Rushville, Nebraska. May 29, 1896 she was joined in marriage to James Henry Chamberlain of English descent born at Brighton, Ill. May 25, 1875. On a ranch in the vicinity of Rushville they lived and toiled until 1924 when they moved to Rushville proper.

The children of James H. and Catharine Bradley Chamberlain—6th Generation of the Bowman Ancestral Line—are as follows:— Leonida Bradley Chamberlain was born at Rushville, Neb. Dec. 23, 1897; was graduated from Grade School 1915. To Joseph Edward Keller of Hay Springs, Neb. she was wedded May 9, 1917. After their marriage they removed to Lakeside, Neb., where on their 1280 acre ranch they have since resided. Their children:—Catharine Amelia born May 13, 1919; Genevieve Josie, born Jan. 18, 1924, and Leonida Junetta Keller, born May 29, 1928.

Willard Berehmans Chamberlain was born Aug. 2, 1899 at Rushville, Neb. The year following his graduation from High school he enlisted at Omaha, Nebraska, Oct. 18, 1917 as a Volunteer in the U. S. Navy serving sixteen months. During his enlistment he was stationed at Great Lake, Ill., Charleston, S. C., and Miami, Florida. In 1919 he was honorably discharged at New Orleans, La. On his return he went to Casper, Wyoming, later to Omaha, Neb. where he met Ethel Irene Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berg of that city, the wedding taking place April 28, 1928 at Council Bluff, Iowa. They live in Rushville, Nebraska.

Joseph Bowman Chamberlain was born at Rushville, Neb. February 28, 1901, is a graduate of the Trade school there in the class of 1915. He stayed with his parents on their ranch until 1928, when he was made General Manager of The International Harvester Company at Minot N. Dakota. At Norfolk, Nebraska, Sept. 3, 1930 he was joined in marriage to Margery Blackburn, a school teacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn of Atchinson, Nebr.

Agnes Belle Chamberlain, who was born at Rushville, Neb. September 10, 1906 is living with her parents James and Catharine Chamberlain in that place. Her education was received in the Parochial and High school of Rushville.

Alberta Douglass Chamberlain, third daughter in this family, was born December 20, 1910 in Rushville the parental home. Among other advantages was the St. Mary High School which she attended graduating with the Class of 1927. Her husband, Max R. Routh, to whom she was united in marriage Nov. 28, 1928 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Routh of Alliance, Nebraska. To them a son was born September 8, 1929.

Irene Genevieve, born March 13, 1912, and Charles Henry born February 21, 1915 are the youngest children in the Chamberlain family. They were born at Rushville, Neb. At the St. Mary's High School there Irene is in the Junior and Charles in the Freshman Class.

MARY FRANCES GENEVIEVE BRADLEY

Mary Frances Genevieve, daughter of Charles B. and Mary A. Cooke Bradley was born at Waynesburg, Pa. Aug. 28, 1872.

She graduated in 1890 from the Public Schools there and Jan. 29, 1893 entered the Religious Order of The Sisters of The H. Humility of Mary, Villa Maria, Lawrence Co., Pa. For twelve years she taught in the schools of the Cleveland Ohio Diocese when, through affliction, her hearing became impaired. Since then she has been book-keeper for the community at Villa Maria, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown, O., Mt. Marie College, Canton, Ohio, and The Johanna Grasselli Home for Crippled Children, Cleveland.

JOSEPH BOWMAN BRADLEY

Joseph Bowman Bradley was born Feb. 16, 1875 at Warren, Ohio. Upon the death of his father, Charles B. Bradley, he was taken, a lad not yet in his teens, by his uncle Geo. A. Bowman Cooke to Three Rivers, Mich., where, with his uncle, he learned the printer's trade in which he is yet engaged at Cleveland, Ohio. To Julia Matilda Miller of Cleveland, born April 29, 1879 he was joined in marriage in that city Nov. 29, 1900, Thanksgiving Day. Their children are:—Mildred Genevieve and Charles Bowman Bradley.

Mildred Genevieve, first child of Joseph Bowman and Julia Miller Bradley, was born Nov. 24, 1902 in Cleveland, O., where she received her education. She is a graduate of both St. Philomena's School and a school of Art in that city. She is now Mrs. Milton John Hays, having married June 12, 1926. Before leaving Cleveland a daughter, Patricia was born to them. Their home is now in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

Charles Bowman Bradley, brother to Mildred, was born Jan. 12, 1905 at Cleveland, in which city he prepared for the more active duties of life. He has followed in part his father's trade of printing; is manager of the Cincinnati Division of "Shopping News" printed in the Cleveland office and taken to Cincinnati in trucks.

SARAH MABEL BRADLEY-SMITH

Sarah Mabel, the youngest child of Charles B. and Mary A. Cooke Bradley, was born at Warren, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1879. The Cookes trace their lineage to Francis Cooke, born June 1577, who was one of the Pilgrim Band in the 'Mayflower' that landed at Plymouth Rock in 1620. Francis, Jacob, William, Elisha

Cooke are descendants in regular succession. Elisha Cooke was born 1717 at Taunton, Mass. "His Puritan principles were a power which gave tone to all that section, Warren Co. N. J., with which he came in contact." He served in the Revolutionary War in the New Jersey Militia and thus assisted in establishing American Independence. The patriotic service of this ancestor Elisha Cooke, and a McMurtrie ancestor as well, validates her membership in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Clarence Eugene Smith and Sarah Bradley were joined in matrimony April 28, 1912. A daughter born to them nearly two years later survived but a few hours. Their home and address is (R. D. No. 1) North Lima, Ohio.

HENRY COOKE

HENRY Cooke, son of Joseph and Sarah Ann Bowman Cooke, was born at Belvidere, N. J. April 6, 1846. He learned the printer's trade in his father's office and attended school in Waynesburg, Greene County, Pa. He enlisted as Corporal in Co. A. 18th Pa. Vol. Cavalry, the same Company as his father, November 21, 1862 and was killed at Opaquan, Va., known as the battle of Winchester, under General Sheridan, Sept. 12, 1864. Lieut. Nawton commanding his Company in a letter to his mother paid him a beautiful and meritorious tribute. In the life-sketch of his mother, on a preceding page, this highly appreciative tribute appears in full.

WINFIELD SCOTT COOKE

WINFIELD SCOTT Cooke, the next child in the family of Joseph and Sarah Ann Bowman Cooke, was born at Mifflinville, Pa. June 3, 1848. He acquired the trade of printer in his father's office Waynesburg, Pa.; enlisted as musician in Co. I, 193rd Pa. Vol. Infantry July 10, 1864 and with the Company was mustered out November ninth of the same year. In 1868, after attending school at Waynesburg College, he went West and engaged in mining in Utah; published the Daily Chronicle in Salt Lake City in 1882-3, and afterward engaged in real estate; went to California in 1893 alternating between mining and newspaper work in San Francisco. On the twelfth of March eighteen hundred eighty-one, about a dozen years after his removal to Utah, he

was joined in marriage to Laura Levina Hunter, a native of Salt Lake City.

THEIR CHILDREN: 5th Generation (Winfield 4th; Sarah 3rd; Jesse 2nd; Christopher 1st).

Laura Hunter Cooke, born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. twenty-first 1881, was married to John Lyons; she died May 1914.

Joseph Hunter Cooke was born at Salt Lake City September 5, 1883.

Henry Bowman Cooke first saw the light in Salt Lake City, Sept. 4, 1887.

ARTHUR INGRAM COOKE

ARTHUR INGRAM, son of Joseph and Sarah Bowman Cooke, was born in Waynesburg, Pa. May 7, 1853. His father, a veteran of the Civil War, was postmaster from 1869 to 1887 at Waynesburg. During this period he assisted his father in the postoffice and attended between times the common schools and the Waynesburg College. He was agent for many years of the Adams Express Company in Waynesburg and was a member of the borough council and a member of the school board several terms. At the time of his death April 10, 1930 he was justice of the peace of Franklin township and had filled the office for the ten previous years. In the days of the oil boom in Greene County Mr. Cooke carried on a heavy teaming business for the numerous gas and oil wells in the county. He was actively interested in all the civic enterprises of the community and took special pride in its parks. For forty years from the time the park commission was first formed he had been a member of the commission and was one of its officers at the time of his death. On June 20, 1875 Mr. Cooke was united in marriage with Arabella Blackmore Adams (Deceased March 3, 1931). Fifty-five years after this happy event his life on earth closed. His body rests in Green Mount Cemetery, Waynesburg. Children:—Sallie Adams, Robert Adams, Bessie Belle, Anna Mary, Josephine Dawson, deceased, Helen Genevieve, and Marie Louise 5th Generation (4th Arthur; 3rd Sarah; 2nd Jesse; 1st Christopher).

Sallie Adams Cooke, born June 9, 1876, was married on Feb. 27, 1902, to Lewis Wetzel Sayers, attorney at law, Waynesburg-Pennsylvania, where they reside. They have four children:—

Margaret Belle Sayers who was born Dec. 31, 1902, married Sept. 21, 1927 Fred Stents Hitchens, her senior by three years. They live in McKeesport, Pa. where Mr. Hitchens is engaged in the practice of law. They have one child, Sallie Ellen, born April 28, 1929. The other children of Sallie Adams Cooke and Lewis Wetzel Sayers are:—Lewis Wetzel Sayers, Jr., born Sept. 26, 1904; Charles Cooke Sayers, born June 8, 1909; Sarah Frances Sayers, born August 8, 1915.

Robert Adams Cooke, son of Arthur Inghram and Arabella Adams Cooke, was born at Waynesburg, Pa. Nov. 27, 1878. He was a soldier in the Spanish American War 1898, a member of Company E. 10th Pennsylvania Infantry with service in the Phillipines. He married Nantie Belle Ryan who was born June 3, 1880. Their home is in Waynesburg but for a term of years they lived in Pittsburgh where Mr. Cooke was connected with a large industrial plant as civil engineer. In that City their children were born:— William Arthur Cooke Sept. 24, 1906; Joseph David Cooke March 24, 1908; Sarah Jane Cooke May 5, 1915.

Bessie Belle Cooke, sister to the above, was born in Waynesburg, Pa. Aug. 24, 1884, and resides in her native place.

Anna Mary Cooke, birth at Waynesburg June 22, 1888, is pursuing Secretarial work in Pittsburgh. Her sister, Josephine Dawson, born October 17, 1891, passed away April 8, 1898.

Helen Genevieve Cooke was born March 24, 1895 at Waynesburg, Pa. She was married to William Thomas Kent (born Feb. 16, 1889) Sept. 10, 1919. They live at Brave, Pennsylvania. Children:— Mary Louise Kent born Nov. 14, 1921; William Thomas Kent, Jr. April 10, 1924; deceased April 8, 1925; Charles Cooke Kent Nov. 16, 1927; Helen Adams Cooke Sept. 5, 1930; all born in Waynesburg.

Mary Louise Cooke, born at Waynesburg July 16, 1899, was the youngest child in the family of Arthur Inghram and Isabella Adams Cooke. On Feb. 4, 1928 she became the bride of William S. Long a professional accountant. A son William Samuel Long, Jr., was born to them Nov. 6, 1930 in Pittsburgh, Pa. where they reside.

Relevant Addenda

THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE JESSE BOWMAN OF THIS GENEALOGY AND WHERE FURTHER INFORMATION OF THEM AND THEIR DESCENDANTS MAY BE FOUND.



HERE were nine children in the family of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, Jesse being the third son and sixth child. With the exception of Thomas the first born whose advent was in Bucks Co. Pennsylvania all were born and reared on the "Bowman-Farm" near Mount Bethel in Northampton County, Pa. There they married and lived until their removal, with their parents, (1792-1797) to Briar Creek Twp. Columbia County, Pa. Three of them did not sojourn there but settled in other parts, a daughter locating near Muncy, Pa., another daughter about nine miles north of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and the youngest son a few miles from Briar Creek over the border in the adjoining county of Luzerne. Of these several branches of the family brief mention follows.

REV. THOMAS BOWMAN, SR., grandfather of Bishop Thomas Bowman, was born in Bucks County, Pa. Dec. 6, 1760; died April 9, 1823 in Briar Creek Twp. Pa., and was buried in the rear of the stone church in the erection of which he was very largely instrumental. In 1782 he married Mary Freas, born 1759, to whom ten children were born. Her death occurred July 4, 1829; beside her husband and several of their children she sleeps in the stone church burial ground. Among their descendants have been many preachers and educators and preachers wives, some of them of wide prominence and note. The Rev. Shadrach L. Bowman A.M., S.T.D. and the Reverend Thomas Bowman, LL.D., twenty-second bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, both preachers and educators, were the grand-sons of Rev. Thomas Bowman, Sr. Rev. Jesse Bowman Young, D.D., soldier, editor and author was a great grandson. A volume entitled the "Bowman Family", by the Rev. S. L. Bowman named above, published in 1886, treasures very valuable information of



BISHOP THOMAS BOWMAN, LL. D.

this branch of the family. Copies of this book may be found in the library of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., and other libraries and in the homes of the family connection.

REV. CHRISTIAN BOWMAN was born at Mt. Bethel, Pa. A.D. 1761; died January 26, 1831. Both he and his brother Thomas were Local Preachers ordained by Bishop Francis Asbury Sunday July 19, 1807, at a camp-meeting at Forty-Fort, near Kingston, Pa. Effort to individualize the family of Christian Bowman has met with but partial success. He married Rebecca Stackhouse and they were blessed with children. Rev. William Colbert, July 11, 1793, made this entry in his journal:—"I preached the funeral sermon of little Susie, the daughter of Christian Bowman." Eleven years afterward he was at Christian Bowman's reading and writing, and records:—"How disagreeable to be in other peoples homes among noisy children." Not little Susie only, but some of their other children may not have reached maturity. Four only in this family have we been able to trace. A daughter married a Mr. Hutton: her tomb and those of her father and mother are near each other in the stone church burying-ground. Huldah, another daughter born at Mt. Bethel, Pa. in 1787, at the age of twenty-one married Nathan Dodson. Huldah died 1860; her husband 1874. Fletcher, son of Christian and Rebecca Stackhouse Bowman, was born in Briar-Creek Twp. Pa. 1793; died 1875. He married in 1815 Nathan Dodson's sister Ellen who outlived him six years. The "Dodson Genealogy" a work compiled by Rev. Thompson P. Ege, D.D., and published about 1900 is replete with data pertaining to Huldah and Fletcher Bowman and their descendants, a goodly number of whom have this "Dodson-Genealogy." A separate paragraph is given below to Eleanor Bowman, the only other child of Christian and Rebecca Stackhouse Bowman of whom we have knowledge.

ELEANOR BOWMAN and her husband Joseph Diltz had a family of four children. Bowman Diltz, a son, died in Illinois. Rebecca, a daughter, who also died in the state of Illinois, married Fletcher Cortright: their oldest son was Bowman Cortright and the younger Oscar; their daughter Margaretta married Stephen Hicks who, previous to their removal to Nebraska, lived near

Beach Haven, Pa. Another daughter, Huldah Diltz, married Tarbel Rood (2nd Gilbert W. Gallensor) whose Rood offspring were three daughters and five sons the names of the sons being Fletcher, Thomas, Monroe, Azel and Albert.

Rebecca Rood married Daniel Hartman; their two sons are Rev. Franklin Eyer Hartman a Methodist minister in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and Dr. Peter LeRoy Hartman, Colon, Michigan. Reverend Hartman married Eva Harrison: Children: Mary Rebecca, Alice Josephine, Florence Elnora and James Henry.

HARRIET ROOD married Jacob Wolf: Their children:—Elnora (married Lincoln Honeywell) Emmet Burnside, Harry A. and Wilbur LeRoy: her sister Ellen married Solomon W. Taylor: Bayard, Clarence, Blanche and Thomas Bent were their children.

MINERVA DILTZ, daughter of Eleanor Bowman and Joseph Diltz, married John B. Stevens. Their children were: Wilbur, Anna, Mary (Mrs. Taylor Minker) Frances (Mrs. Dennis Harrison) Flora, Zebulon and Thaddeus. The Eleanor Bowman Diltz record was prepared by the Rev. Franklin E. Hartman.

MARY BOWMAN, daughter of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, our first American ancestors, was born at Mt. Bethel, Pa. in 1762. She married James Stackhouse, a member of the Society of Friends. They lived at Foundryville, a settlement near Berwick, Pa. Their bodies sleep, it is supposed, in the burying-ground at Summerhill about a mile from where they resided. A descendant avows that a more likely place is the Quaker plot now merged with the Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick, Pa. When the writer in 1868-69 was the junior preacher on the Berwick Circuit he was entertained at Joseph Stackhouse's, the son of James, who lived in Shickshinny valley, both himself and wife being devoted Methodists. The children (there may have been others) of Joseph and Mrs. Stackhouse were John M., Cyrus, Nelson and Mack. Nelson's home for several years was in his native valley. John and Cyrus were partners in successful coal operations at Shickshinny, Pa., where they lived. This place and general region is the habitat still of some of their descendants. The Stackhouse Genealogy will prove illuminating on this branch of the family.

SUSAN BOWMAN, parentage and place of birth as above, was the wife of Anthony Moore. They located, upon their removal from Mt. Bethel, Pa., in Queenshockeny Valley about seven miles north of Williamsport, Pa. The Anthony Moore Family-Record is not extant. A Mr. McLaren in 1900 lived in (Newberry) Williamsport and had a family of children; he had a brother, Thomas McLaren, who lived in the same city; they are descendants of Anthony and Susan Bowman Moore.

LYDIA BOWMAN, next in the family of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, was born at Mt. Bethel, Pa. 1767; died 1839. Her first husband was Rev. Jacob Mack, a Methodist local preacher, who died when she was about forty-two years of age. She subsequently married John Hoffman and continued to reside in Briar-Creek Twp. Pa. All sleep in the rear of the old stone church, she by the side of her first husband, and Mr. Hoffman with his kindred. The known record of the Bowman-Mack union is four children:—Wilson, another son who became a Judge, Rachel who married Gilbert H. Fowler, and Sarah Ann the wife of Richard Thompson. Gilbert H. Fowler was a thrifty merchant and farmer and prominent Methodist at Fowlersville, Pa. His first wife, Rachel Mack, died in late middle life and is buried at the old stone church. The children of Rachel Mack and Gilbert Fowler:—Silas, Enos, Pierce, Sarah, Alfred, Charles, John, Lydia and Jane (Lydia married a Conner and Jane a Millard). All these Fowler children but John and Sarah have descendants.

Sarah Ann Mack's record remains to be set down. Her earthly sojourn (1806-1877) was seventy-one years; that of her husband Richard Thompson (1811-1894) to whom she was married in 1834, eighty-three years. They lived in Berwick, Pa. and in their home were children:—George, Clark, Leroy Taft, Mary, Clem, Jane and Sarah Parker. Leroy Taft (1838-1902) married 1871 Sallie ————— to whom were given in 1872 Ruth and in 1874 Nellie. Ruth Thompson married Capt. George M. Hoffman U.S.A. George Matthias their elder son was born 1905; the younger Richard Thompson 1907. Mary Thompson, sister to Leroy, in 1868 was wedded to William Henry Faulds, M. D., Kingston, Pa.; their daughter Bertha B. Faulds married 1901 Dr. Merton Ellwood Marvin of that place.

Clark, Clem and Leroy Taft Thompson were soldiers in the Civil War 1861-65; Clark and Clem who were in the Pa. Reserves died in eighteen hundred sixty-one; Leroy was a member of the Second Artillery, Battery B. 112th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers and continued throughout the entire war. His death occurred at Fort Leavenworth, May 1902.

JESSE BOWMAN, third son and sixth child of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, is the subject of this GENEALOGY.

SARAH Bowman.—Of this member of the family but little is known; she married a Mr. Ransbury and is supposed to have lived and died at Nescopeck, Pa. The writer vividly recalls two or three visits which their son Michael Ransbury paid his father, George A. Bowman, in the late eighteen fifties. This first cousin of my father at that time was a resident of Stroudsburg, Pa., and by his second wife whom he married shortly after had one son.

JOHN BOWMAN, SR.—1772-1848—, and his wife Mary Britton, 1772-1852—, lived at Town Hill, Luzerne County, Pa. Of their ten children two died in early childhood.—Parmelia (Mrs. Zebulon Stevens); Sarah (Mrs. Ira Bacon); Phoebe (Mrs. William Seward); Eleanor (Mrs. Jonathan Stevens); Eliza (Mrs. Daniel Koons); and Mary (Mrs. John Pratt) had their homes, so far as known, in the general neighborhood of Town Hill.—John Wesley 1812-1842 married Mary Madison of Warren, Ohio; George Nelson Bowman, a dentist, and Susan E. Dodson his wife lived in New York City; Huldah born in 1817 married William Culver; after his decease married Joseph Crawford and settled in Dixon, Ill. Her two Culver children had deceased prior to 1886 but her son Joseph William Crawford was living at that time. On pp. 247,248 of the "Bowman-Family" volume the names of the grand-children of John and Mary Britton Bowman may be found.

ANN Bowman, the youngest of the nine children of Christopher and Susan Banks Bowman, was born at Mt. Bethel, Pa. just prior to the Revolutionary war. She was wed to Philip Dimm presumably at her birthplace, but in the mid seventeen nineties when the entire family of Bowmans removed from Mt. Bethel the Dimms' went some forty miles beyond Briar-Creek, Pa. and located on farm and wood lands at Dividing Ridge three miles

from Muncy, Pa. Records of their births, marriages and deaths have disappeared. They are buried in unmarked graves in the rear of the Methodist Episcopal church in Muncy, that spot of ground for many years showing no signs of ever having been a cemetery.

The Children of Philip and Anne Bowman-Dimm Third Generation (Anne 2nd; Christopher 1st) were Thomas, Mary Elizabeth, and George. Thomas Dimm settled in Ohio a great many years ago and had a large family. His sister Mary Elizabeth also went to Ohio but to the Dimms at Muncy all trace of them has been lost. George Dimm, born March 1808, lived in the homestead at Dividing-Ridge, about three miles from Muncy, and died there in 1868: Eleanor Girton, his wife, was born 1809 and passed away in nineteen-hundred-four.

GEORGE DIMM and Eleanor Girton were married Nov. 25, 1829. Children: William P. Dimm, Sept. 24, 1830-1880: (the former date denotes the time of birth and the latter year of death and so in those that follow) Mary E. Dimm Feb. 22, 1832-1883; Anna M. Dimm Oct. 6, 1833-1880; Thomas C. Dimm Feb. 2, 1835-1898; Sarah J. Dimm June 6, 1836-1868; Margaret E. Dimm Nov. 12, 1837-1927; Jesse B. Dimm Aug. 16, 1839-1884; Emily R. Dimm March 30, 1843-1903; Martha E. Dimm March 16, 1845-1855; Janet H. Dimm Dec. 28, 1847-1899; Lydia E. Dimm Feb. 7, 1849-1919; Harriet L. Dimm July 11, 1850-1881; George Franklin Dimm Feb. 8, 1853——. All these children of George Dimm (1928) are deceased but the youngest; the brief and only data we have of them follows:—

William Dimm married Jane Thomas: Children:— Charles, Franklin and Edward. The children of William Dimm and the children of his brothers and sisters are the 5th Generation of the Bowman-Line (William 4th; George 3rd; Anna Bowman 2nd; Christopher 1st). —Mary E. Dimm married Jacob Stead: Children: Clara, William, Isaiah, Boyd, and Frances Stead.—Thomas Dimm's wife was Hannah Hafer: Children: Susan, Mary, David, Emma, Clara, Anna, Cora, Russel and Harry Dimm.—Sarah Dimm was the first wife of George Harman and Emily Dimm his second wife: By his first marriage, Anna Harman; by his 2nd, Herbert and May.—Jesse B. Dimm married Elmira Kitchen: two

children, Boyd and Laura, were born to them.—Janet H. Dimm was wedded to Judson Runyan: The Runyan children were Stella, Elizabeth, Hester and Joshua.—Lydia E. Dimm's husband was Henry Leech: Their children: Sara, Emma, Norman, Ida and George.—George Franklin Dimm married July 1875, Martha Jane Young (deceased 1917): Children: Florence R., Eleanor M., and Clark L.; Oct. 23, 1876, Aug. 30, 1877, April 19, 1884 are the dates respectively of their births. The second daughter, Eleanor, Dec. 23, 1921, married William W. Beiben: Clark L. Dimm in 1913 married Marguerite M. Turner. They have two sons, Donald H. and John Franklin; their daughters are Martha E. and Rebecca Dimm.

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